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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Downtown businesses to extend hours on select dates

Participating shops will be open until 7 p.m. on the following dates: Dec. 19, 20 and 21.

VFW to host fish fry

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Wabash Post No. 286, will be having a fish fry from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday Dec. 20 at 3678 West Old Indiana 24. The menu will include handbattered haddock, baked beans, coleslaw and hush puppies. The cost is \$8 person for all you can eat, dine in. Carryout available. For more information, call 260-563-

Breakfast with Santa planned

On Saturday, Dec. 21, Santa will be coming to Breakfast with Santa and will have a special treat for children at the Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market

Living Crèche scheduled for Dec. 22

A Living Crèche has been planned from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22 at Wabash Christian Church, 110 W. Hill St.

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Theft report leads to WPD pursuit

Due to suspect injuries, criminal charges will be forwarded to prosecutor

BY ROB BURGESS

A theft report Tuesday, Dec. 17 quickly led to a high speed pursuit, which left two suspects in the hospital.

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Wabash Police Department (WPD) Capt. Matt A. Benson stated they were notified at approximately 2:19 p.m. of a theft failed to stop at the stop sign that had just occurred at Wal-Mart, 1601 N. Cass Street.

tion of the vehicle was given to responding officers.

Officer Kyle Lafferty then arrived in the area at approximately 2:24 p.m. Lafferty reported he observed the suspect vehicle exiting onto 200 West from Wal-Mart.

"Lafferty alleges the suspect vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed and before turning northbound on 200 West," stated Ben-Benson stated the descrip- son. "Lafferty immediately

emergency lights attempting to stop the vehicle, but the suspect vehicle fled from officers."

Benson stated the suspect vehicle turned north on 200 West and turned east on Division Road. Lafferty stated the suspect

vehicle traveled east on Division Road and turned north on 150 West. Officers reported that the vehicle again failed to stop at the stop sign at 150 West and 200 North.

"Officers allege that due to the suspect failing to stop at

sight of the vehicle just after 200 North," stated Benson. Benson stated at approxi-

arrived at 150 West and 300 North to locate the suspect vehicle had crashed through the guard rail and stopped at unauthorized control," stated the bottom of the drainage Benson. "Due to the injuries

"The driver and passenger were assisted from the vehicle and transported by Wabash City Fire Department to a local hospital for their injuries," stated Benson.

Benson stated the driver the stop sign and traveling at was identified as Al G. Cook,

activated his red and blue such high speeds they lost 56, Marion and the passenger Sharika L. Moss, 25, Marion.

"During this investigamately 2:26 p.m., officers tion, it was learned that the suspect vehicle had been reported to Marion Police on Thursday, Dec. 12 for sustained by the driver and passenger criminal charges will be forwarded to the Wabash County prosecutor for consideration. A criminal charge is merely an accusation. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty."

Mannheim Steamroller celebrates 35th anniversary in Wabash

Holiday performance scheduled for Thursday

BY ROB BURGESS

Chip Davis' Mannheim Steamroller is set to perform two, back-to-back holiday performances at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19 at the Honeywell Center's Ford Theater, 275 W. Market St., according to a press release from Morgan Ellis, PR and marketing coordinator for the Honeywell Foun-

"Mannheim Steamroller has been America's favorite holiday tradition for 35 years," stated the release. 'Grammy Award-winner Chip Davis has created a show that features Christmas music along with dazzling multimedia effects. Guests are invited to experience the magic as the spirit of the season comes alive with the signature sound of Mannheim Steamroller."

Tickets for these shows are available for purchase HoneywellCenter.org/ mannheim-steamroller or by calling the Honeywell Foundation box office at 260-563-1102.

Ticket prices include \$38, \$52, and \$65.

Joining the band

In a recent phone interview, recorder player, percussionist and singer Roxanne Layton took the time to talk about joining the band, playing with the Indigo Girls and performing their annual holiday tour.

"We're just really excited to be there," she said. "We love playing in Indiana. We're just really happy to be there. And it's a wonderful show with some rocking tunes as well as some beautiful, ... somber, gorgeous melodies. We're just really happy to be doing this for 35 years. We thank our fans for supporting us. We like to



"My dad was building a boat and we were going to go around the world on the sailboat. And so he was like, Well, I'd like a portable instrument.' To this day, I thank him every time I go to a gig," she said. "I just kept

land Conservatory. She said

she started playing in third

on playing.' Layton said she even made professional historical replicas of recorders before one fateful phone call in 1991.

"I was listening to the radio. Someone had just given me a tape of 'Fresh Aire III,' which is the non-Christmas music Chip writes," she said. "They said, 'The next caller gets tickets to Mannheim Steamroller."

Layton said she called and won the tickets. A few minutes later, a trumpet player from the orchestra Mannheim Steamroller had

hired to play during that performance walked in the door. They were headed to rehearsal. He said she could come along. After meeting everyone, Layton was invited to come back for the show and come backstage.

"I had my instruments with me and ... met Chip. We hit it off. He's a recorder player, percussionist. Used to make harpsichords with his dad," she said. "I gave him my tape from my recital. The next day he calls me and says, 'What are you doing tonight? Do you want to come back and see the show from backstage?' And I said, 'Sure.' And he goes, 'Would you like to have dinner before the show?' And I said, 'Sure.'

Layton said he told her he listened to her tape and wanted her to be on the next album.

"It all happened in 24 hours," she said. "We became fast friends."

It only took four more years for her to be asked to

"Amazing things happen,"

Four generations of fans

Layton said some fans had seen them every year for 35 years. She said she used to see they had three generations of fans.

Now, she said, she had to amend that to four, just the other night.

"We had four generations coming through: greatgrandma, grandma, son and kids," she said. "We even took photos of it. It's amazing. But, we also get people who have been listening to us for forever and have never seen us. It's been on their bucket list or they could never find the right time to

Layton said they have a total of 48 holiday shows this year. She said keeping it fresh involved having a good time by improving their performances every

"Each time I try to tweak be a full-time member of the it and make it a better per-

formance from my personal view," she said.

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Playing with the **Indigo Girls**

Layton said she played with the Indigo Girls about nine times in the past. She said she met Emily Sailers in the mid-90s and immediately connected musically. Phone numbers were exchanged, but Layton said didn't follow up for 10

"I had this address and I sent a CD with me playing some stuff and everything and it was sent back with a tire mark because they weren't there anymore at that address," she said.

A week after that disappointment, a fellow songwriter asked if she wanted to open for the Indigo Girls. "I told Emily this story

and she goes, 'Well, it doesn't matter because here you are.' And then they said, 'Hey will you join us on

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community

ISP master trooper promoted to sergeant

Donald White assigned to Peru Post

Staff Report

Recently, Douglas G. Carter, Indiana State Police (ISP) superintendent, announced the promotion of Master Trooper Donald White to the 1999, White

rank of sergeant, according to a press release. In his new assignment, will serve as a training coor- closed as part of an ISP condinator and instructor for the ISP firearms program.

White, a 22year veteran of the department, began his career at the ISP Lowell Post. In



transferred to the ISP Red-He teaches shooting and var-

ISP Peru Post.

has served the state police as a member of the tactical intervention platoon, 11 years as a motorcycle patrol unit, two years as a member of the ISP High-Performance Vehicle Mustang Program and as a field training officer.

During his career, White

White has been an ISP firearms instructor for 16 years.

ious techniques, on the different ISP firearm platform, solidation of its districts. Troopers who served Grant to recruits at the ISP Recruit County were assigned to the Academy and troopers at the district level. In 2016, White was named

the trooper of the district for the ISP Peru District. The award is given annually to the trooper that personifies integrity, professionalism, ethic.

and a well-rounded work White was selected by the command staff at the Peru District for dedication to

his job, traffic and criminal

involvement, instructor ratings, specialty assignments, and other services performed for the department beyond normal expectations. White currently serves as

enforcement,

a volunteer fireman with the Matthews Fire Department in Grant County. He is a 1989 graduate of Eastbrook High School and holds a bachelor's degree in aviation technology from Purdue University. White, his wife, and their daughter currently reside in Grant County.



White will work from the ISP Training Division. He



key Post where he was assigned road patrol duties primarily in Grant County. In 2010, the Redkey post

Indiana woman gets 4 years for fatal school bus stop crash

Indiana woman who plowed her pickup truck into four children, killing three of them, while they crossed a highway to board a school bus was sentenced Wednesday to four years in prison.

Alyssa Shepherd, 25, could have been sentenced to as much as 21½ years in prison for the Oct. 30, 2018, crash that killed 6-yearold twin brothers Xzavier and Mason Ingle, and their 9-year-old sister, Alivia Stahl.

children's mother, Brittany Ingle, lunged toward Shepherd in the Fulton County courtroom. She was

ROCHESTER (AP) — An removed in handcuffs and suffered critical injuries and charged with misdemeanor battery.

> A jury convicted Shepherd on Oct. 18 of three counts of reckless homicide, criminal recklessness and passing a school bus, causing injury.

The judge on Wednesday sentenced her to four years in prison, three years of house arrest and three years of probation, and suspended her driver's license for 10

The children were struck while they crossed two-lane State Road 25 in Rochester to board the bus. A fourth child, Maverik Lowe, 11, buses.

has had more than 20 surgeries.

At the time of her arrest, Shepherd told authorities she didn't realize that she was approaching a stopped school bus, despite the activated stop arm and flashing

Court documents show Shepherd told police she saw the lights but didn't recognize the vehicle as a school bus until the children were right in front of her.

After the crash, the Indiana Legislature increased penalties for drivers who illegally pass stopped school

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"Closer to Fine" and play?" Layton said every time she played with them after that she played more and more

Advice for other recorder players

Layton said she has been called the "ambassador of the recorder" because of the number of styles she plays.

She said plans on starting an instructional YouTube video series on the insturment.

"It's an instrument that can play anything," she said. "It's a vehicle to be musical and it's underrated. It's a lot more popular in Europe. There are amazing tons of recorder players in Europe. In the United States, not so

Layton said the only way musicians would get ahead was by being proficient in the basics first.

"I would say practice, but

play the music that you love. You've got to get the chops and the way to get the chops is to practice and get your technical skills," she said. "Classical music gets your chops so that's why a lot of classical players have great technique and then they move on to crossover pop. Once you have the tools you can play anything, but you've got to get the tools. And the only way to do that is to practice and get the technique; at any instru-

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There will be three live shows outside each hour with animals, music and costumes. This can be viewed from a vehicle or the sidewalk. The event is free to attend.

Charley Creek Gardens to host 10th Annual **Yule Time Stroll**

Charley Creek Gardens will host its 10th Annual Yule Time Stroll, open to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. through Monday, Dec. 23 at 551 N. Miami St. This event is free and open to the public. Parking is available at 518 N. Wabash St.

Laketon American **Legion Post offering** breakfast and lunch

The Laketon American Legion Post will be offering breakfast and lunch from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23 to Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020. The Blue Bird Cafe will be closed. There will be no breakfast Wednesday, Dec. 25.

Community Christmas dinner planned

A community Christmas dinner has been planned from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25 at the Laketon American Legion Post, 10140 N. Troyer

Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

Red Cross blood donation opportunity set for Dec. 27

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive.

First Day Hike planned at Salamonie Lake

Join Upper Wabash Interpretive Services' staff for a First Day Hike at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1 at Salamonie Lake at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Meet at the interpretive center for a one-hour stroll through the woods along the moderate Tree Trail. Dress for the weather. Families and friendly dogs on leashes welcome. Advance registration is requested by calling 260-468-2127.

Honeywell Foundation's Annual Winter Bash draws near

The Annual Winter Break Bash, hosted by the Honeywell Foundation, will take place Thursday, Jan. 2 and Friday, Jan. 3 at various Honeywell Foundation venues including the Honeywell Center and Charley Creek Gardens. For more information about Winter Bash, visit the Honeywell Center website at www.honeywell center.org or call the Box Office at 260-563-1102.

January Salamonie Senior Luncheon set

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon Monday, Jan. 6, 2020 at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Potato soup will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Artists sought for Honeywell Foundation's art competition

The Honeywell Foundation's Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual

92 County Art Show from Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 through Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. Entries will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6. For complete guidelines visit www.honeywellcenter. org/92-county-art-show. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@Honeywell Foundation.org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Komets game to celebrate Wabash **County March 13**

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at https://group matics.events/event/ Wabashcommunity3 or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at mitch@komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812.

Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day, which is the local service organization's largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabash plaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.



Showtimes for Thursday, December 19- Thursday, December 26 All showtimes have Closed Caption

Star Wars: Episode IX- The Rise of Skywalker in 20 (PG13)
Thurs (12/19): 6:15 • Fri: 6:20, 6:50, 9:25
Sat: 12:05, 3:10, 6:20, 6:50, 9:20 • Sun-Hon: 12:05, 3:10, 6:20, 6:50
Wed: 6:20 • Thurs: 12:25, 6:20

Star Wars: Episode IX- The Rise of Skywalker in RealD 3D (PG13) Thurs (12/19): 6:25 • Fri: 9:55 • Sat: 12:40, 3:45, 9:55 Sun- Mon: 12:40, 3:45 • Wed- Thurs:: 3:25, 9:15

Little Women (PG)
Wed: 3:35, 6:40, 9:40 • Thurs: 12:35, 3:35, 6:40, 9:40 **Spies in Disguise (PG)**Wed: 3:55, 6:50, 9:35 • Thurs: 12:45, 3:55, 6:50, 9:35

Thurs (12/19): 6:55 • Fri: 7:00, 9:45 Sat: 1:00, 3:55, 7:00, 9:45 • Sun- Mon: 1:00, 3:55, 7:00 Wed: 4:05, 7:00, 9:55 • Thurs: 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 9:55 Knives Out (PG13) Thurs (12/19): 6:35 • Fri: 6:40, 9:35 Sat: 12:25, 3:25, 6:40, 9:35 • Sun- Mon: 12:25, 3:25, 6:40 Frozen II in 20 (PG)
Thurs: 6:45 • Fri: 6:30, 9:15 • Sat: 12:50, 3:35, 6:30, 9:15
Sun: 12:50, 3:35, 6:10 • Mon: 12:50, 3:35, 6:30
Wed: 3:45, 6:30, 9:25 • Thurs: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:25

Free Family Christmas Movie: Dr. Seuss's The Grinch (PG)
Sat: 10:00A Free Christmas Classic: White Christmas Sun: 8:30

Jumanji: The Next Level in 2D (PG13) For more information please call

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Friday

Mostly Cloudy 37 / 27 **Sun and Moon**

Tomorrow's sunrise.

5:22 p.m. 8:08 a.m.

5-Day Weather Summary

Saturday Partly Cloudy

Partly Cloudy

46 / 32

44 / 30 **Detailed Local Outlook**

Partly Cloudy

Today we will see sunny skies, high temperature of 34°, humidity of 75%. South southwest wind 8 to 11 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 23°. South southwest wind 3 to 8 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 19°. Friday, skies will be mostly cloudy, high of 37°, humidity of 80%.

Tenant questions donating to building handyman

Thursday

Sunny

34 / 23

Today's sunset..

long-time handymen in the

Harriette

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who posted this notice asked if we, the tenants, would make a donation to help him during his

time of need. I feel sorry for this man. but I never had much interaction with him.

I would see him in the he was collecting the trash or sweeping the hallways. He doesn't speak English, so we didn't ever say more than "good morning' or "thank you." Should I make a donation even though I hardly spoke to the man? – Helping Hand **DEAR HELPING HAND:**

In a word - YES! You might be amazed to learn how much this man has done to create comfort for you quietly, behind the scenes.

Too often, handymen, porters, concierges, front desk attendants and other support staff are overlooked. (The holiday season is the one time when tips are expected.) But they rarely make high wages, so the contributions that you and the other tenants make will likely go far to help this man during his time of need. Give generously as soon as you can! Add a card expressing your wishes for his improved health.

DEAR HARRIETTE: One of my best friends loves the outdoors and the cold. I love the heat and the beach. Now that the winter weather is here, I don't spend too much time outside.

We sometimes walk together in the park for exercise, and my friend has invited me to walk with her for the next week or

READERS' CHOICE REPORTS

TUESDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5 09-16-24-36-41 Cash4Life 14-16-17-24-43, Cash Ball: Daily Three-Midday

0-8-1, SB: 1 **Daily Three-Evening** 3-7-9, SB: 3 Daily Four-Midday 6-6-1-6, SB: 1 **Daily Four-Evening** 3-0-7-9, SB: 3 Mega Millions 22-30-53-55-56, Mega Ball: 16, Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$372 million

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$160 million

WEDNESDAY'S METALS

Aluminum	0.80
Copper	
Lead	0.85
Zinc	
Gold	1,475.15
Silver	
Platinum	932.91

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices Wednesday at Indianapolisarea elevators: Corn: \$4.05.

Sovbeans: \$9.23.

note was posted on my cast predicts 30 degrees or and cold from your face. apartment door informing below. She considers this Test out your gear. After the tenants that one of the mild. I consider it prime all, you do have to go outbuilding is ill and won't be ma attack. I hate to bring when you are not with her. coming back. The person up my health issues, but I What would you normally me. – Block the Cold

body; pay attention to it. too cold. That doesn't necessarily mean that you can't walk mean that you can't walk outside with your friend.

Assess your winter wardmorning sometimes when Assess your winter wardrobe. Do you have a warm hat, scarf, coat and gloves? You should have some- St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

DEAR HARRIETTE: A so, when the weather fore- thing to block the wind weather to trigger an asth- side in the weather, even don't want to risk an un- wear? Figure out how to controllable coughing fit dress to protect yourself. in order to accommodate Then test to see how long her request. How should you can stay outside in the I handle this? I know she cold without triggering thinks I'm a wuss when I a coughing fit. Tell your turn down certain exer- friend you will try. Make cise activities, but this one sure you have your inhaler doesn't sound smart for in case you have a problem. I'd suggest limiting **DEAR BLOCK THE** your walk to less than 30 COLD: You know your minutes to avoid getting

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Lois E. Roop

Lois E. Roop, 103, North (John) Mumy, Allendale, Dec. 16, 2019 at Timbermembered by her son Eu-Tetonia, Idaho and Shirley the service.

Manchester passed away Michigan; five grandchildren and nine great grandcrest Healthcare Center, children. A memorial ser-North Manchester. The vice for Lois will be held memory of Lois will be re- Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the Timbercrest gene (Delora) Roop, Ander- Chapel, 2201 E. St., North son, Indiana; two daughters, Manchester. The family will Patricia (Dan) Burgette, receive friends following

Phillip A. Jackson

April 15, 1930 - Dec. 14, 2019

Phillip A. Jackson, 89 of tion and funeral service. Huntington died Dec. 14, 2019 at his residence.

15, 1930, the son of Nor-(Huffman) Jackson.

Nov. 25, 1950 in Markle, IN 46750. Indiana. Ruth preceded 2007. Private family visita- com.

Private family graveside service at Mt. Etna Ceme-Phillip was born on April tery in Huntington County.

Memorial donations can man G. and Martha F. be made out to Alzheimer's Association in care of My-He was united in mar- ers Funeral Home, 2901 riage to Ruth E. Ervin on Guilford St., Huntington,

On-line guest book: him in death on June 18, www.myersfuneralhomes.

2020 Democrats prepare to debate

BY KATHLEEN RONAYNE AND MICHAEL R. BLOOD

LOS ANGELES — A winnowed field of Democratic presidential contenders takes the debate stage Thursday for a sixth and final time in 2019, as candidates seek to convince anxious voters that they are the party's best hope to deny President Donald Trump a second term next

The televised contest ahead of Christmas will bring seven rivals to heavily Democratic California, the biggest prize in the primary season and home to 1-in-8 Americans. And, coming a day after a politically divided U.S. House is expected to impeach the Republican president, the debate will underscore the paramount concern for Democratic voters: Who can beat Trump in November?

With voters distracted by the holidays and the impeachment proceedings in Washington, the debate in Los Angeles could turn out to be the least watched so far. Viewership has declined in each round though five debates, and even campaigns have grumbled that candidates would rather be on the ground in early voting states than again taking the debate

The lack of a clear frontrunner reflects the uncertainty gripping many voters. Would Trump be more vulnerable to a challenge from the party's liberal wing or a candidate tethered to the centrist establishment? Should the pick be a man or a woman, or a person of color? The Democratic field is also marked by wide differences in age, geography and wealth, and the party remains divided over issues including health care and the influence of big-dollar fund-

There will be a notable lack of diversity onstage compared to earlier debates. For the first time this cycle, the debate won't feature a black or Latino candidate.

The race in California has largely mirrored national trends, with former Vice President Joe Biden, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren clustered at the top of the field, followed by South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, businessman Andrew Yang and billionaire philanthropist Tom Stever.

Conspicuously missing from the lineup at Loyola

Marymount University on Thursday will be former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a billionaire who is unable to qualify for the contests because he is not accepting campaign donations. But even if he's not on the podium, Bloomberg has been felt in the state: He's running a deluge of TV advertising in California to introduce himself to voters who probably know little, if anything, about

Bloomberg's late entry into the contest last month highlighted the overriding issue in the contest, electability, a sign of the unease within the Democratic Party about its crop of candidates and whether any is strong enough to unseat an incumbent president. The eventual nominee will be tasked with splicing together the party's disparate factions - a job Hillary Clinton struggled with after defeating Sanders in a long and bitter primary fight in 2016.

Biden adviser Symone Sanders said to expect another robust exchange on health care. "This is an issue that is not going away and for good reason, because it is an issue that in 2018 Democrats ran on and won," she said.

Jess O'Connell with Buttigieg's campaign said the candidate will "be fully prepared to have an open and honest conversation about where there are contrast between us and the other candidates. This is a really important time to start to do that. Voters need time to understand the distinctions between these candidates." The key issues: health care and higher educa-

The unsettled race has seen surges at various points by Biden, Warren, Sanders and Buttigieg, though it's become defined by that cluster of shifting leaders, with others struggling for momentum. California Sen. Kamala Harris, once seen as among the top tier of candidates, shelved her campaign this month, citing a lack of money. And Warren has become more aggressive, especially toward Buttigieg, as she tries to recover from shifting explanations of how she'd pay for "Medicare for All" without raising taxes.

In a replay of 2016, the shifting race for the Democratic nomination has showcased the rift between the party's liberal wing, represented in Sanders and Warren, and candidates parked in or near the political center, including Biden, Buttigieg and Bloom-

Halting 737 Max production will hit suppliers, airlines

BY TOM KRISHER

the economic hit is reverberating across the United takeoff anytime soon. States in places such as Connecticut, and Cincin-

worldwide that supply which analysts say is the largest manufactured product exported from the U.S.

Boeing does not currently plan to lay off any of the 12,000 workers at its factory in Renton, Washington. But smaller parts companies like Wichita-based Spirit AeroSystems might not have that luxury. They could be forced to cut employees, and some might even get pushed out of business.

With 13,500 workers, Spirit is the largest employer in Kansas' biggest city. from making fuselages for ing had expected.

Even though Max proother suppliers continued to crank out parts, putting many of them in storage. Air Force Base.

worldwide in March after 737 Max production." the second of two deadly crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia that killed a total of 346 people. For months, Boeing used the parts to that it could not deliver to

As Boeing prepares to that it would halt Max proshutter much of a huge fac- duction in January with tory near Seattle that builds no date for it to resume, a the grounded 737 Max jet, realization that regulators

Getting the jet back in the Federal Aviation Adminis-Those cities are home to Boeing's effort to fix flightsome of 900 companies control software that was a major factor in the crashes. parts for the troubled plane, Investigators have found that software designed to stop an aerodynamic stall was a huge problem for ing the code to make it less aggressive.

return to the skies, and last ing had an unrealistic ex- chael Feroli. pectations for putting the Stephen Dickson has said percent. the decision will be on the agency's timetable, not economist for RSM, a tax Boeing's, indicating that it advisory and consulting It gets half of its revenue will take longer than Boe-

joint venture between Genduction had slowed ear- eral Electric and France's At an event his firm hosted lier in the year, Spirit and Safran SA, which makes in Wichita last summer, one the Max engines, also faces uncertainty.

fuselages on a ramp adja- it's working with customcent to nearby McConnell ers and other suppliers "to risk" to that firm. mitigate the impact of the

> The company, which has 50,000 workers, said it can Brusuelas wrote. move people and manufac-

space company announced commercial and military aircraft.

Stamford-based Hexcel, which makes composite materials used on the 737 will not clear the plane for Max frame and engines, already was reporting lower sales after Boeing slowed Wichita, Kansas, Stamford, air depends largely on the the rate of Max production. On Tuesday, the company tration, which is evaluating tried to sound hopeful, saying it's confident in the airplane's long-term success and looks forward "to its return to flight and gradual ramp-up in production during 2020."

The 737 Max is such a pilots, and Boeing is updat- big product that by itself, the production hiatus will shrink the U.S. gross do-The FAA will not give a mestic product by around Department has met with date for when the Max can 0.5 percent in the first three months of 2020, predicted week the agency said Boe- JP Morgan Economist Mi-

That could cut the U.S. plane back into service. economy's growth rate by New FAA Administrator a roughly a quarter, to 1.5

Joseph Brusuelas, chief firm, predicted layoffs by suppliers and wrote in a CFM International, a note that some may have trouble staying in business. executive from a midsize company indicated that if Cincinnati-based the Max grounding turned

The Max was grounded temporary shutdown of the just how important the service by five weeks, to domestic and global supply chains associated with more the 80 manufacturing Boeing are to the smallsites worldwide with about and medium-sized firms,"

If parts supply companies build about 400 Max planes turing across multiple en- stop production, it will be gine programs. That may difficult for them to quickly hold off any layoffs. CFM restart their factories, and fly again.

On Monday, the aero- produces other engines for that could further delay any startup of Boeing's assembly lines.

> Spirit AeroSystems CEO Tom Gentile said in October during the Kansas Economic Outlook Conference that it would take a long time to come back if production were reduced.

Boeing's situation is so important that it has been discussed at the White House, top presidential adviser Kellyanne Conway said Monday.

Asked if President Donald Trump might intervene, she said: "Boeing knows the president is watching. He's met with them. Obviously, the Defense them. The Department of Transportation, I'm sure, has met with them. When you say he intervenes and gets involved, it's to protect American interests. Safety first when it comes to airlines."

The ripple effects of the Max grounding already have hit airlines, which have been forced to delay putting the Max into their flight schedules. That has cut the number of available seats, pushing prices up. But analysts say it also has stopped airlines from adding routes and expanding.

Southwest As of Friday, Spirit had 90 company said Tuesday into a production halt, "it which was counting on would be an existential the Max to update its fleet, pushed back any hope "It cannot be overstated of restoring the plane to April. American Airlines did the same last week.

> United, which already pulled the Max from its schedules through March 4, said it will keep monitoring the process to determine when the aircraft can safely

Television's 'Survivor' dealing with #MeToo-era issues

BY DAVID BAUDER

NEW YORK — The CBS game "Survivor" ends its 39th edition this week reeling from controversy over its first-ever forced removal of a contestant, a Hollywood agent sent packing after young women complained about inappropriate touching.

The abrupt exit of player Dan Spilo, for what CBS said was an off-camera incident, didn't end questions about whether the network fumbled a #MeToo-era issue that it knew about months ago.

CBS has the chance to address its decisions Wednesday, when it airs the traditional one-hour post-mortem discussion after the season's conclusion. Spilo has not been invited to participate. For the first time, that postshow discussion will be taped instead of live.

Acknowledging "things we could have done differently," CBS late Tuesday announced steps to avoid similar problems in future seasons.

Spilo's exit was announced at the end of last week's episode. CBS would not give details, but People magazine reported that he touched the thigh of a woman during a boat ride. Spilo said he had lost balance, but the staff member felt the touch lingered too long, said Steve Helling, senior writer at Peo-

It proved to be a last straw.

Midway through the sea- out. son, contestant Kellee Kim, a 28-year-old student, cried on camera as she discussed incidents - often caught on camera – where Spilo, 48, would do things like touch her hair. She and another contestant, 24-year-old Missy Byrd, talked about Spilo wrapping an arm around someone's waist or touching the hip of a woman he was lying next to at night.

During the discussion, a producer broke in to tell Kim that she should come to him when something happens because "I don't want anyone feeling uncomfortable."

"It's super upsetting because, it's like, you can't do anything about it," she said onscreen. "There are always consequences for standing up. This happens in real life, in work settings, in schools. You can't say anything because it's going to reflect your upward trajectory. It's going to affect how people look at you."

Kim was voted out of the game by fellow contestants while Spilo remained.

CBS said it spoke to cast members after that discussion, both individually and as a group, about respecting personal space. Some contestants have subsequently said they felt it was a general, not specific warning, and players seemed genuinely surprised when host Jeff Probst informed them that Spilo was

The incident also became part of the game, with contestants discussing Spilo's behavior, truthfully and untruthfully, in scheming about who would be voted off the island. One contestant, 59-year-old Janet Corbin, said she initially thought Spilo was an "old-school" guy who didn't know what he was doing, but she concluded, "I can't ignore what is going on with these girls."

Kim had complained about Spilo violating personal boundaries in the season's very first episode.

There was some question about how seriously it was initially taken. Dalton Ross, who blogs about the show for Entertainment Weekly, referred to Spilo as "Handsy McGee" and wondered after that first episode if he was "just doing his best Joe Biden impersonation or if he is naturally a touchy-feely kind of

"Survivor" producers are generally loathe to interfere with their game, which is all about enduring hardships on a tropical island. They may have considered this just another obstacle. CBS did not comment on this story for the

James Poniewozik, television critic at The New York Times, criticized the "inept, shameful, evasive way" that "Survivor" handled the apparent sexual misconduct on from show producers.

"The reality that this season depicted is a depressing one: the reality of how women's complaints are downplayed and how a big-money operation can fail to do the right thing even when, literally, millions of eyes are watching," Poniewozik wrote.

People's Helling, who describes himself as a fan of the program, also said he believed CBS and show producers have handled the situation poorly.

"They will tell you they intervened - and they did - but it was not in a meaningful way," he said.

"Survivor" is known as a reality show, but it's a manufactured reality - producers craft a story out of footage they shoot. Given that serious issues about race, gender and sexuality were sometimes left out in previous years, they can be credited for making this part of their show, Helling said.

CBS announced on the eve of the finale's airing that in future seasons, it would not allow incidents of alleged harassment or unwelcome physical contact would not be allowed to be part of the The network said it would

beef up training for its staff in handling such issues and hire someone so contestants can make complaints about behavior confidentially apart WWW.WABASHPLAINDEALER.COM /

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Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

1 Peter 4:12-13

Trump's border wall wouldn't stop most illegal immigration or drugs. So what is it for?

Before President Donald Trump sition by congressional Democrats, took office, fencing and other barriers stood along 654 miles of the the \$5 billion the White House is de-1,900-mile border with Mexico. The administration has replaced or upgraded a tenth of that existing network - without building much in the way of new walls.

Now Trump is determined to deliver on his signature 2016 campaign promise in time for the 2020 elections. But even as construction begins on parts of the wall, it is unlikely to fundamentally alter illegal border crossings of people or drugs.

Trump has scaled back his initial promise to build a wall along the entire length of the frontier, saying that 1,000 miles of new barriers should suffice. He is pressing to complete nearly half of that by the end of next year, having deputized his son-inlaw, Jared Kushner, to ride herd on the project.

That's a tall order given that the battles with private land owners to take much of the land where the wall would be built. Other impediments wall's environmental impact; oppo-

who are in no mood to appropriate manding for the wall in the current fiscal year; and, most recently, a federal court order blocking the administration's plan to divert \$3.6 billion for wall construction from funds approved by Congress for projects on military bases at home and overseas.

Those fights may intensify as the wall's overall cost, which Trump once put at \$8 billion, turns out to be several times that amount. In the meantime, it's worth bearing in mind what the wall might and might not achieve.

It might provide an additional deterrent to unauthorized crossing for some migrants not already deterred by policy obstacles the administration has adopted. However, the border wall will not be an impregnable harrier

As The Washington Post's Nick government will have to fight court Miroff wrote last month, Mexican gang members have already figured out that a cordless household tool, available at hardware stores for as include objections arising from the little as \$100, can slice through the steel-and-concrete bollards from

which the new wall will be built.

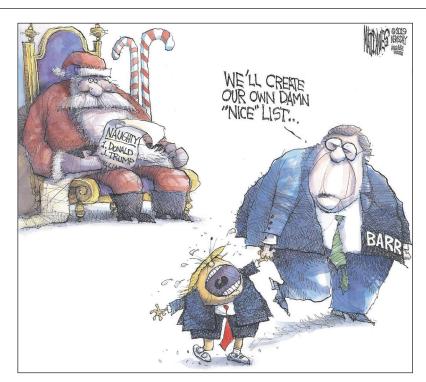
Nor is it likely to drastically reduce overall numbers of unauthorized migrants in the United States, who for most of the past decade have included many more people who overstay their visas than who cross the border illegally.

A report this year by the Center for Migration Studies calculated that about two-thirds of new illegal presences in recent years have been overstays, who now account for more than 40 percent of some 11 million unauthorized immigrants. The wall is also unlikely to ad-

dress contraband smuggling, including of heroin and fentanyl, a deadly synthetic opioid. Most of those substances enter the country through legal ports of entry along the southwestern border, hidden in cars and trucks.

The president has convinced many of his supporters that the wall, which Mexico is not paying for, is worth any expense or funding method. The rest of the American public is justified in its skepticism.

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I'm asking Santa for 'Thoughtful consumers of information'

anything about anybody else. And in the age of social media, they probably will.

Lyons

Time was when all **Gene** professional journalists understood that. Not that there was ever a Golden Age of what Superman called "Truth, Justice and the American Way."

Anyway, does it really matter anymore what journalists understand?

Social media have blurred the lines between fact, fiction and sheer, malicious slander to the point where a large portion of the public feels free to indulge any venomous fantasy that suits them.

I know of a woman whose personal physician offered her a list of Hillary Clinton's many murders. I believe there were alleged to be 54. Lock her up! Instead of offering a short tutorial in elementary logic – "show me persuasive evidence of just one," for example – she found a new doctor. You do want a physician capable of critical thinking.

Anyway, as the 2020 presidential election proceeds, we're all but certain to experience a veritable avalanche of make-believe scandals and imaginary conspiracies that will make the GOP's 25-year War on Hillary look restrained.

We're fixing to find out how many gullible True Believers there are.

When histories of the decline and fall of American democracy are written, they're apt to begin by examining Donald J. Trump's Twitter feed. But he really got started much earlier, by endorsing the "birther" conspiracy

about Barack Obama's supposedly being born in Kenya. Way back in 2011, ABC News' Meredith Vieira asked Trump if he

ing Obama's birthplace in Hawaii. "Absolutely," he answered. "And they cannot believe what they're

actually had investigators research-

finding." Subsequent events, of course,

Breaking News: Anybody can say investigators or they'd found nothing. He'd made it all up. Every bit of it. Then after Obama publicly released his birth certificate, Trump took credit for solving the non-mystery he'd promoted.

> So today it's Ukraine, and the preposterous fiction that its beleaguered government, rather than Vladimir Putin's Kremlin, interfered in the 2016 presidential election. It's this crackpot notion Trump leaned on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to endorse in their infamous July 25 phone call - urging him to probe CrowdStrike, which Trump depicted as a Ukrainian company hiding long-lost DNC computer

> This must have confused Zelensky. CrowdStrike is a California-based cyber-security firm having no ties whatsoever to Ukraine. Also, no missing DNC servers exist. Both the FBI and the Mueller investigation had total access to evidence establishing that Russian operatives hacked the DNC emails subsequently obtained and published by Wikileaks. Those aren't opinions, they're facts.

Trump also urged Zelensky to consult Rudy Giuliani.

As usual, he was talking out of his ... Well, he didn't understand the situation. It's all there in Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz's recently released report on the origins of the FBI's Russia investigation.

Trump's own FBI Director Christopher Wray made a point of underlining it. "We have no information that indicates that Ukraine interfered with the 2016 presidential election," Wray said, adding that "there's all kinds of people saying all kinds of things out there. I think it's important for the American people to be thoughtful consumers of information and to think about the sources of it and to think about the support and predication for what they hear."

Thoughtful consumers of informa-

tion? It's hard to be optimistic.

Anyway, Trump will likely fire Wray for that.

Already, spineless Republicans made it clear that either there were no are finding ways to endorse Trump's

imagined conspiracies. Texas GOP Sen. Ted Cruz – whose wife Trump once called ugly and whose father he implicated in the JFK assassination jumped in on "Meet the Press" to affirm Ukrainian skulduggery.

See, after candidate Trump said that most Ukrainians would rather be Russians, the country's ambassador to the U.S. wrote a newspaper column about it. To Cruz, this constituted election interference.

Former White House national security aide Fiona Hill made her view of this line of thinking clear during recent congressional testimony: This is a fictional narrative that has been perpetrated and propagated by the Russian security services them-

But it's Trump's "personal lawyer" and power-broker-for-hire Giuliani whom he's counting on to deliver the goods where Ukraine's concerned. The international man-of-publicity has been touring Eastern Europe lately, collecting tales from exiled and disgraced Ukrainian politicians and assorted money launderers and washed-up oligarchs. Trump's natural constituency.

The obvious plan is to "Clintonize" the president's feared rival Joe Biden, through his son Hunter's ill-advised work with a Ukrainian gas company.

Here's how it's apt to go. Remember this exchange from last Septem-"Did you ask Ukraine to investigate

Joe Biden?" asked CNN host Chris Cuomo. 'No," Giuliani replied. "Actually I

didn't.

Fewer than 30 seconds later, Cuomo asked again. "So you did ask

Ukraine to look into Joe Biden?" "Of course I did," Mr. Giuliani re-

plied.

So now Trump says Rudy will soon "make a report" to the attorney gen-

eral and Congress. "I hear he has found plenty," Trump

We've heard that song before. Arkansas Times columnist Gene Lyons is

a National Magazine Award winner and co-

author of "The Hunting of the President" (St.

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Republican district. No big news there except for the fact that the candidate comes from a low income, Latino, union This is Michael J. Fox and "Family Ties" in real life. It's not supposed to work like this, is it? The young are supposed to be more liberal than their parents, not more conservative. Conventional wisdom says Shane Hernandez in Michigan has to be an outlier on the political scene.

It's not your

grandfather's

party anymore

A recent column in the Washington

Examiner magazine focused on a con-

gressional candidate in Michigan run-

ning as a conservative Republican in a

Maybe not. This same phenomenon can be observed here in my corner of Indiana. There was a time not so long ago when the rural townships of Allen County and several other counties were heavily Democrat. They were settled mainly by German immigrant farmers, the population not as mobile as sons took over farms from their fathers and stayed put. Non-farmers were nearly all blue collar skilled and unskilled factory workers. These were the demographics that consistently voted Democrat from the days of the New Deal.

Then something changed. Farms consolidated, large factories closed and some out-migration began to occur in part due to first-generation college students. Even so, the basic make-up of the residents was mostly unchanged. But their politics were shifting demonstra-Perhaps it was the Reagan revolution.

Recall that his election mystified the Beltway pundits by attracting young voters and blue collar workers in inexplicable numbers. Reagan's charisma aside, something else was going on as these solidly blue townships became more and more red.

I won't presume to extrapolate my observations over the entire nation or even Indiana. All I know is that the Democrats win precious few local offices in my corner of the state. Even though northeastern Indiana voted consistently for the Republican presidential candidate, with only Harry Truman in 1948 and Lyndon Johnson in 1964 polling Democrat pluralities, this didn't necessarily bleed over to local elections. Post-World War II election results show many Democrat winners and aggressively contested elections. Compare this to 2018 when all 12 county commissioner races in northeast Indiana were won by Republicans, nine without a Democrat opponent.

We haven't changed; the party platforms (and rhetoric) have.

Allow me to recount a conversation that happened in my own family. To state my bona fides, I grew up in a bluecollar Democratic household with farming ancestors going up several genealogical lines. Yet, three of four siblings, all college educated, are now conservatives

who vote Republican. My father gave me some insight into what happened one night in 1988. We were all together and the topic became the presidential election between George H. W. Bush and Michael Dukakis. Dad sermonized on what he believed. When he was finished, I asked if he was going to vote Republican for the first time in his life. I told him that he had essentially recited the Republican platform.

He was offended. He planned to vote for Dukakis the Democrat because the Democrats were for the "little man." It was an exercise in futility to explain that the governmental policies he favored to help the little man were what the Republicans were promising. No matter; he still thought of the New Deal Democrats he remembered from growing up during the Depression.

My Dad hadn't changed, his political party had. A sharp leftward turn left many of the party's generational voters in the dust. They liked what Ronald Reagan said and did while becoming worried if not frightened of what the Democrats were saying.

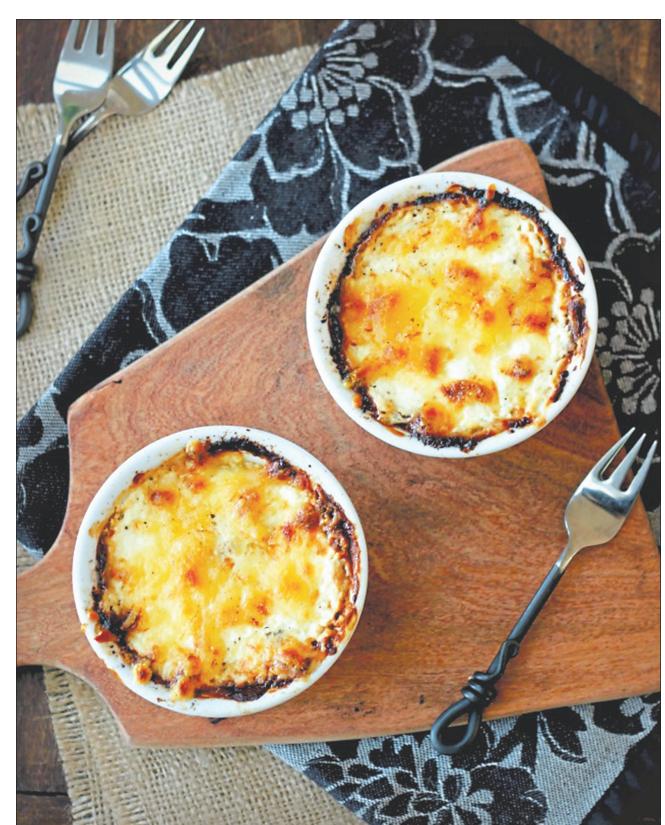
My Dad and others of his generation just hadn't realized this yet. I can't imagine the cognitive dissonance he would be suffering today if he were still alive and watching the Democrat presidential debates.

Being described as "a basket of deplorables" only interested "in our guns and our religion" doesn't meet the How to Win Friends and Influence People test among my relatives and neighbors, blue- or white-collar ones. It certainly does explain why we vote the way we do, irrespective of how our grandparents

Moderate Democrats no longer have any incentive to run for local office here. The same probably can be said for any kind of Republican in most large metro areas. As we devolve into two entirely separate, one-party nations, our republic sadly continues to weaken. But that is a topic for another day.

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PROVIDED PHOTO BY LYNDA BALSLEV FOR TASTEFOOD GRATINS: There's nothing more appealing and comforting than a bubbling casserole of cheesy potatoes in the winter.

Individual gratins are easy to make and elegant to serve

By Lynda Balslev

you can make one big gratin, but these little gratins are very cute in their individual ramekins, and they are also elegantly and cleverly portioned. This ensures that you will be less likely to find yourself gobbling up half a baking dish of gratineed potatoes or wrestling your child for the last crunchy cheesy corner stuck to the baking dish. Just saying it's been known to happen.

There's nothing more appealing and comforting than a bubbling casserole of cheesy potatoes in the winter. The ingredients are few and simple. Sour cream lends a bright tang to the cheesy richness of the gratin. Yukon gold potatoes are buttery, creamy and versatile, and hold their shape

won't turn to mush.

the plural, not singular. Sure, cheese: An authentic ber to share. Gruyere cheese is the best choice for this cold-weather dish. Gruyere hails from the Swiss Alps, and if any food culture can do wintery food and cheese well, it's the Swiss. Their alpine cheese is nutty, sweet and piquant, a byproduct of their very happy cows nibbling on the flora in the mountain meadows. Choose an aged Gruyere if you can, because it will have a little more salt and earthiness in its flavor.

A key to making these gratins is to slice the potatoes as thinly as possible. A mandolin works best for this task, but you can also carefully cut the potatoes with a knife. Keep the skins on for extra nutrients – just be sure to give the potatoes a good scrubbing before sliconce cooked, so the gratin ing. This recipe can also be

prepared in a 2-quart baking er in a bowl. Yes, that's potato gratins in And then there's the dish or gratin. Just remem-

Potato Gratins

Active Time: 20 minutes Total Time: 1 hour and 20 minutes Makes 8 servings Unsalted butter

16 ounces full-fat sour cream 2 garlic cloves, minced 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Freshly ground black pepper 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg 2 pounds small to medium Yukon gold potatoes, washed,

very thinly sliced, about 1/8-

8 ounces grated Gruyere cheese

inch thick

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter 8 $(^{3}/_{4}$ -cup) ramekins.

Whisk the sour cream, garlic, nutmeg, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper togeth-

Arrange two layers of potatoes, slightly overlapping, in the ramekins. Spread a layer of sour cream over the potatoes to cover, and then top with a sprinkling of cheese. Repeat the layering process, occasionally sprinkling with a pinch of salt and pepper, until the ramekins are full, gently pressing down on each layer. Finish with a layer of sour cream and grated cheese.

Arrange the ramekins on a baking sheet and transfer to the oven. Bake until the potatoes are tender when pierced with a knife, and the tops are brown and bubbling, about 50 minutes to 1 hour. (If the tops brown before the potatoes are fully cooked, lightly cover with foil to prevent burning.)

Remove from the oven and let stand for 5 minutes. Serve warm.

Ginger and turmeric hot cider

By the American Institute for Cancer Research

Warm apple cider is the perfect winter comfort drink. This special version combines two potent spices, ginger and turmeric for a unique flavor and nutrition profile. Fresh ginger, for example, contains a pungent substance called gingerol while turmeric gets it characteristic yellow hue from the class of cancer-fighting compounds, curcuminoids. Both are being studied for their anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup fresh sweet apple cider 1 tsp. grated fresh ginger
- 1 tsp. grated fresh turmeric

1 1/2-inch by 1/2-inch strip lemon peel, white part included Dash of cinnamon, optional

Directions

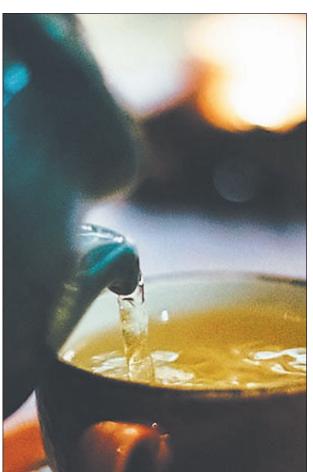
In small saucepan, combine cider, ginger, turmeric and lemon peel. Over medium-high heat, heat until ring of bubbles appears around edge of pan, 3 min-

Cover pan and set aside to steep for 5 minutes.

Pour hot-spiced cider through fine tea strainer into mug. Serve immediately.

Makes 1 serving.

Per Serving: 130 calories, 0 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 31g total carbs, 1g dietary fiber, 0g protein, 25mg sodium.



CIDER: Warm apple cider is the perfect winter comfort

25 years later, Mariah Carey's Christmas original is No.1

NEW YORK (AP) — to climb the Billboard pop star's original holi- song hit a peak at No. 3 day classic, "All I Want and set a new one-day for Christmas Is You," has streaming record on Sporeached the No. 1 spot tify. on the Billboard Hot 100 chart 25 years after its release.

Billboard that the song topped this week's chart, giving Carey her 19th No. 1 of her career.

She is only behind the Beatles, who have had 20 songs top the Hot 100 chart.

Each holiday season Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You" begins Garden.

Christmas has come early charts as its popularity for Mariah Carey: the resurfaces. Last year the

"All I Want for Christmas Is You" is the first holiday to top the Hot 100 announced chart since "The Chipmunk Song" in 1958-59. The song is from Car-

ey's 1994 album, "Merry Christmas," which is currently No. 1 on the Billboard R&B albums chart. Carey wrapped her All I Want for Christmas Is You Tour on Sunday at New York's Madison Square

Review: 'Rise of Skywalker' is a sour end to a grand saga

BY JAKE COYLE

Not much has caused a disturbance in the "Star Wars" galaxy quite like Rian Johnson's "The Last Jedi," an erratic but electric movie that, regardless of how you felt about it, was something worth arguing about. The same can't be said for J. J. Abrams' "Rise of Skywalker," a scattershot, impatiently paced, fan-servicing finale that repurposes so much of what came before that it feels as though someone searching for the hyperspace button accidentally pressed the spin cycle instead.

A laundry list of plot points cluster like an asteroid field in "Rise of Skywalker." It's a spirited, hectic and ultimately forgettable conclusion of the Skywalker saga begun 42 years ago by George Lucas.

It was also surely a lot to ask for. Abrams, having already ably and nimbly resuscitated Lucas' space opera with the far less cluttered "The Force Awakens," was brought back (like seemingly everyone is

in "Star Wars," dead or alive) with the task of not only wrapping up a trilogy but repairing the divides stirred up by "The Last Jedi" and stabilizing the franchise's revolving door of directors. Abrams here took over for the jettisoned Colin Trevorrow, who retains a "story by" credit.

More significantly, "The Last Jedi" had to solve the underlying existential crisis in "Star Wars," a franchise in search of a reason beyond nostalgia (and, cough, billions of dollars) for continuing. The film, for sure, tries its damnedest to come up with something. It is one busy, hardworking movie. But if anything has been proven by the many attempts to rekindle the magic of the original trilogy, it's that Lucas' cosmic amalgamation of Flash Gordon and Akira Kurosawa isn't

As the trilogy's third act, "Rise of Skywalker" takes the general shape of "Return of the Jedi," even resuscitating its villain: Emperor Palpatine

so easily refabricated.

(the very spooky Ian McDiarmid, now mostly a shadowy heap of CGI). He was last seen exploding in a Death Star air shaft, thrown to his apparent death by Darth Vader. Yet as "Star Wars," the most forever war there is, marches into its fifth decade, the undying demands of a pop culture phenomenon and corporate revenue generator has led to some unsettling resurrections. This third "Star Wars" trilo-

gy began with a plan: the first movie would belong to Han (Harrison Ford), the second to Luke (Mark Hamill) and the third to Leia (Carrie Fisher). Life interfered. Fisher, who along with Ford did more to enliven the original trilogy than any special effect, died of a heart attack in 2016. But she, too, has been brought back for "Rise of the Jedi," via bits and pieces of old footage. For an actress of such live-wire verve, the composite result – a handful of brief lines and gazes - is a hollow nonperformance.

Palpatine, residing in a dark

Sith lair, essentially sets the table. He summons Kylo Ren (Adam Driver) with an order to "kill the girl" (Daisy Ridley's Rey) and thereby inherit the throne. With the wave of his hand, Palpatine unearths an entire fleet of Star Destroyers. They rise from the depths, a new armada of doom for the First Order.

But this is only a piece of the movie's manic start. Abrams, who penned the screenplay with Chris Terrio ("Argo," "Justice League"), races to catch up with the many characters of the Resistance, among them Leia, Finn (John Boyega), Poe (Oscar Isaac), Rose (Kelly Marie Tran), Chewbacca (Joonas Suotamo) and C-3PO (An-"Star Wars." But she's regretthony Daniels). From the tably sidelined for much of start, there's a rush to speed through a complex plot that sends a crowded Millennium Falcon in search of the hidden Sith base, a quest that includes a series of MacGuffins including – like a relic from a more

earthbound adventure - a se-

cret-wielding dagger.

lacked for velocity but the pace here is schizophrenic. The movie can't sit still. Everyone's yelling and most of the bits of humor along the way are too blandly inserted. (C-3PO, at least, is in fine form.) Part of the rush, it seems, is to dismantle some of Johnson's groundwork and refocus the spine of the story on Rey's destiny and her complicated relationship with Ren. Whether that's a gesture to the toxic fandom unleashed by "Last Jedi" or not, some characters suffer for it, most notably Rose. She was the highlight of "The Last Jedi," which stirringly realigned the traditional power dynamics of

the action this time. Some of the tropes that Johnson deconstructed have been reassembled. Poe, the Han Solo heir apparent, is again central. New worlds bring new friends – a Stormtrooper-turned-rebel played by Naomi Ackie; an old rival

"Star Wars" has never of Poe's named Zorri Bliss (Keri Russell); a cute Muppet-like creature named Babu Frik – and old (Billy Dee Williams' Lando). Many of them make a good impression but the encounters proceed predictably.

To go too much into the narrative of "Rise of Skywalker" isn't necessary and, besides, I'm not totally sure I could explain it all, anyway. That, in itself, is one of the movie's most disappointing aspects: It's trying too hard. What the streaming spinoff "The Mandalorian" has proven (besides that people will go absolutely gaga over infant Jedi Masters) is that simplicity of story line pays in "Star Wars," just as it does in westerns. "Rise of Skywalker" aims for the brilliant parallel action of "Return of the Jedi" but ends up with mounted horse-like creatures charging on the wing of a Star Destroyer. Somewhere, Jar Jar Binks is celebrating. He might not be the most misplaced thing in the galaxy far, far away, after all.

Walk-in clinics for opioid addiction offer meds first, fast

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON AP Medical Writer

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Every time she got out of jail, Jamie Cline started hustling again for heroin, driven by an addiction she didn't understand.

"You want to get clean so bad. You know something's killing you and you can't stop," said the 33-year-old who used heroin for 10 years.

This spring was different. While in a jail work-release program, she took a medication called buprenorphine. It quieted a voice in her brain that told her to keep using.

When she got out of jail, she headed for an Olympia clinic where a doctor is working to spread a philosophy called "medication first." The surprising approach scraps requirements for counseling, abstinence or even a commitment to recovery.

Instead, it starts with fast access to prescribed medicine that prevents withdrawal sickness. After patients start feeling better, they choose their next steps.

In St. Louis, Seattle and San Francisco, people with opioid addictions can start medication on their first day of treatment. Early research suggests the approach can change lives. But it will be a tough sell elsewhere: Nearly two-thirds of U.S. treatment centers don't offer anti-addiction drugs and there's resistance to easy access.

Within two weeks of walking into the Olympia clinic, Cline had a job at a millwork shop. Now, nine months later, she has received a promotion and a former heroin user who raise, rebuilt relationships,

house and is proud to display a chain of "Clean & Serene" key fobs she earned from Narcotics Anonymous. She takes buprenorphine twice daily.

"I've got my life back," she said.

The opioid crisis now kills more Americans than car crashes and is estimated to cost more than \$500 billion a year. The epidemic is driving new treatment strategies for the 2 million Americans addicted to opioids.

Bupe, as it's known, isn't new. Approved to treat opioid addiction in 2002, it blocks the effect of other opioids and eases withdrawal. It's an opioid, but an imperfect fit for the brain's receptors, so its effect is mild and it doesn't cause a high. It also lowers the danger of overdose and raises the likelihood a person will stay in

But finding a prescriber without a waiting list is difficult. Guidelines say bupe should be used alongside counseling, which some doctors don't feel equipped to provide.

stories have Success convinced some experts that buprenorphine should be available in homeless camps, syringe exchanges and anywhere people use

"This is an obvious thing to do," said University of Washington researcher Caleb Banta-Green.

Stabilizing influence or false promise?

Martyn is a 57-year-old

camp known as the Jungle, running errands for drug

"Toward the end, you're not trying to get high anytrying to not be sick."

He got his first bupe prescription at Neighborcare Health, a free downtown Once stabilized, he found a spot in a sober home with help from a caseworker.

"Now I've got a little room in a house I share with seven other guys." On bupe, Martyn said, "I don't get that high feeling. And that's

Critics worry medicationfirst clinics will add to the flood of opioids on the

The tactic could also lead to a false understanding of addiction, said Atlantabased counselor Samson Teklemariam, who directs training for NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals.

"You're promising the public a cure," Teklemariam said. "There's not a pill that you can take to alleviate symptoms of true addiction.'

In Missouri, some treatment programs had shunned buprenorphine, particularly long-term, in favor of abstinence-based counseling and support groups. Some didn't have doctors or nurses who could prescribe it. Some believed medications were a crutch that prevented true recovery.

deaths rising, Missouri tied federal grant money to a medication-first philoso-

clients on meds rapidly and if they dropped rules about medication time limits and attending counseling.

The result? Medication more," he said. "You're just treatment increased and more patients stayed in treatment longer, said Rachel Winograd of University of Missouri-St. Louis who studied the implemen-

> There's pushback in Missouri from those who see the idea as at odds with "full and thriving recovery," Winograd said. "The state is saying, we can do both."

Measuring effectiveness

Research is beginning on the idea. In New York, 250 drug users will be enrolled at syringe exchanges. Some will be randomly assigned to get same-day bupe prescriptions and others will get standard care.

"If the older treatment philosophies were working, we wouldn't have the problems we're having today," said Dr. Aaron Fox, who is leading the study.

Washington health officials are encouraging jails and drug courts to embrace bupe. Many are changing their policies.

Not everyone approves. In Skagit County, Prosecuting Attorney Rich Weyrich calls bupe "low-grade heroin." He bristles at requirements tying drug court money to medication assisted treatment.

"There are lots of things In 2017, with overdose happening in the big cities that I don't agree with," Weyrich said.

Sixty miles away in Seatgoes by one name. He was phy. Programs would get tle, King County Prosecutor

found a room in a sober living in a Seattle homeless money only if they started Dan Satterberg has tried to with bupe. convince other prosecutors of bupe's value. His sister, Shelley, used heroin for treatment with bupe, she got clean.

> "I saw firsthand the difference it made in her life," Satterberg said. "We became a family." Years of drug use had worn down "You're getting used to Shelley's health. She died in being successful," Grande March 2018 of an infection at age 51.

Bupe should be "as easy to get as heroin," Satterberg said. To those in law enforcement who worry about it trading on the street, he said: "At least they're not buying fentanyl and supporting the Mexican cartels. At least they're not going to overdose. And they might find out buprenorphine actually makes them feel bet-

A pilot study in Seattle treated 147 patients in one year, most of them homeless. The program reached capacity within three months and kept people in treatment at rates similar to other programs. That drew financial support from a foundation, resulting in four new sites. They are expected to serve 1,250 patients over two years.

To treat one patient for Bupe Clinic costs \$3,000 in public money, said its medi-Grande. She said the money will prevent steeper hospital costs down the road.

A 'godsend'

On a recent evening, start or maintain treatment I step."

She met with patients in a cluster of donated furniture, a floral-pattern sofa and years. In 2015, after starting chairs. Two new patients wanted to start bupe for the first time.

Former patient Jamie Cline proudly told Grande of recent accomplishments at her workplace.

observed, smiling with encouragement.

Later, pharmacist Brad Livingstone arrived. At the front desk, he opened a clear plastic bin with 14 pill bottles inside.

He called out a name. Jon Combes, 36, of Lacey, Washington, stepped up to get his pills, a "godsend" that has helped him sleep. "They don't care what

your past is," Combes said of the clinic's staff. "They just want to get your future Combes had been coming

to the clinic for three weeks. He took home a 12-day supply of medication.

That evening, 31 people picked up medications. Young men with tattoos and ballcaps. A middle-aged woman with stylish hair and smart clothes. A man in a wheelchair. A woman with a school-age child. Some one year at the Olympia nights there are as many as 45 picking up meds.

Cline scrolled through cal director, Dr. Lucinda her phone to find photos of herself when she was in the depths of heroin addiction. The pictures remind her of where she's been, a time she does not want to forget.

"I'm always going to be Grande spent more than an addict," she said. "I've three hours helping people got to be very careful where

CA consumer privacy law can affect businesses across U.S.

BY JOYCE M. ROSENBERG

NEW YORK — If the thousands of Californians who use Josh Simons' app for musicians demand next month that Vampr delete their personal information, Simons will be ready to comply.

The social network company expects to be one of many businesses nationwide subject to the California Consumer Privacy Act, a law that takes effect Jan. 1 and gives consumers control over the personal information companies collect, store and often share with other enterprises. Simons, who already had a user privacy policy in place before the act became law last year, has retooled the policy and the Vampr app.

"We have half a million users around the world," Simons says. "It's definitely something we have to keep in mind."

Companies across the country need to be aware of the law's complex requirements even if they don't deal directly with consumers. It covers companies that conduct business in California, including out-of-state companies that sell products or merchandise to California residents. The law can also cover companies that make money from providing services like payment processing or website hosting to businesses that are subject to the law.

The law does have provisions aimed at exempting small businesses - companies are subject to the law if they have worldwide revenue above \$25 million, collect or receive the personal information of 50,000 or more California consumers, households or electronic devices; or those who get at least half their revenue from

tion. But small companies can easily reach the 50,000 threshold for collecting or receiving information - an individual who has a phone, tablet, PC at home and one at work counts as four users, not one.

Vampr is currently about 1,000 users shy of the threshold, but Simons expects the app will reach that milestone sometime in January. The Santa Monica, California-based company's home state is its biggest market.

The law aims to protect consumers from having their information sold without their knowledge or consent. It was passed by the California Legislature in June 2018, and modeled on the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation, which took effect in May 2018. The California law was enacted amid increasing concern about companies sharing consumer data, especially after it was learned that the data firm Cambridge Analytica improperly accessed Facebook user information.

The California law gives consumers the right to know what personal information companies collect from them, and what businesses do with it - whether they share, transfer or sell it, and who is the recipient of the information. Under a key provision, companies must give consumers the option to have their information deleted from databases.

The law covers a wide range of data including names, addresses, Social Security and passport numbers, email addresses, internet browsing histories, purchasing histories, personal property and health professional information, or employment information, educational records and in- an entry point for hackers and programs.

law must ensure their systems and websites are in compliance. Many without in-house technology staffs install software that among lanc says. "The CCPA helps other things creates the website buttons and links that allow consumers to see their information and opt out of having it stored. Some companies may decide to get legal help to be sure they're on the right track. Simons, who himself installed the software to make Vampr compliant, estimates the process cost the business \$7,000, a large sum

for a small company. While the California statute takes effect Jan. 1, enforcement won't begin until July 1. And the law as it stands now may change the Legislature has already passed a number of amendments to clarify and refine the law's requirements, and the state Attorney General's Office is still formulating regulations and guidance about the law.

Some of the law's complexities grow out of the relationships between companies that use one another's data, for example, in the case of a payment processor that must use credit card and other personal information provided by a retailer in order to complete transactions. In such cases, the service provider must sign a contract that prohibits them from using the data for any purpose other than what is stated in the contract, says Travis LeBlanc, an attorney specializing in cybersecurity law with the firm Cooley LLP in Washington, D.C.

Vendors that can connect with client companies' systems can unintentionally be

formation from GPS apps trying to steal personal information. That was the case Companies subject to the when hackers were able to steal personal information for more than 60 million Target customers in 2013.

"Vendors are often a have hired companies to source of weakness," LeBencourage the company that has the primary relationship with consumers to take responsibility for that."

> Attorneys find some of the law's provisions to be vague, making it unclear which companies need to comply. One provision says information is protected if it is sold or transferred "to another business or a third party for monetary or other valuable consideration." Attorneys are wondering what "valuable consideration" means, says David Stauss, an attorney with expertise in technology law with the firm Husch Blackwell in Denver.

> "This can really become difficult to apply," Stauss says. "There are some things that are going to clearly be sales, but that's a gray area."

> Some companies that won't be subject to the law nonetheless are setting themselves up to be compliant. Some expect that other states will enact similar laws, while others are aware that data privacy is a sensitive issue they need to ad-

"We're in an evolving area where consumer sentiment runs very high," says Dawn Barry, president of Luna Public Benefit Corp., a San Diego-based company that collects data for medical research. Although the nature of the company's business makes it exempt from the California law, it nonetheless is compliant with the statute and Europe's GDPR, Barry says.

Scientists narrow age estimate for fossils of human ancestor

BY MALCOLM RITTER

tists say they have finally calculated the age of the youngest known remains of Homo erectus, which is cestor of our species.

The fossilized skull fragments and other bones were uncovered on the Indonesian island of Java in the 1930s. Determining their age has been a scientific challenge, and a wide range has been proposed by numerous studies.

In a report released Wednesday by the journal Nature, scientists conclude the remains are between 108,000 and 117,000 years old. Researchers used five dating techniques on sediments and fossil animal bones from the area, combining 52 age estimates for the analysis. The project took 13 years to complete.

"I don't see any way to date this site more thoroughly," said paleoanthropologist Russell Ciochon of the University of Iowa, an author of the study.

and spread widely there and in Asia, and possibly NEW YORK — Scien- into Europe. It reached Java more than 1.5 million years ago, and the new dates suggest it died out at least 35,000 years before the argenerally considered an an-rival there of our own species, Homo sapiens.

H. erectus may have been doomed on Java by climate change that turned its open woodland environment into rain forest, Ciochon said. Still, it evidently existed longer on Earth than any other species on our "Homo" branch of the evolutionary tree.

Susan Anton, a New York University anthropologist who did not participate in the work, called the dating effort "heroic." But she said she considered the reported age range to be too narrow. She said she preferred a span of less than 550,000 years old to more than 100,000 years old.

That's roughly what she and co-authors proposed in a paper published in 2011. The younger end of the range in that paper was as recent as 120,000 years, H. erectus arose in Africa which she said is virtually about 2 million years ago the same as the new result.



1st newborn right whale of calving season seen off Georgia

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — The first newborn right whale of the winter calving season has been spotted off the coast of Georgia. The critically endangered whales migrate each winter to warmer waters of the southeastern U.S. coast to give birth. Scientists estimate just over 400 North Atlantic right

whales remain, making each newborn calf crucial to avoiding extinction.

An aerial survey team spotted the first mother-and-calf pair of the 2019-2020 season Monday in waters off Sapelo Island, about 50 miles south of Savannah, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources

said in a news release.

Researchers have become increasingly worried about right whales' prospects for survival as deaths in recent years have outpaced births. Seven right whales calves were recorded last winter during daily survey flights offshore of Georgia and Florida. Meanwhile, at least

10 right whales were found dead in 2019. Three had been struck by ships, and one died after becoming entangled in fishing gear. The 2017-2018 calving season ended with no right whale births recorded the only year not even a single calf has been seen in three de-



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Area Calendar

Wrestling - Manchester vs. Rochester, 6:30 p.m.; Northfield vs. Bluffton, 6:30 p.m.; Southwood vs. Maconaquah, 6:30 p.m.

Squires start slow, fall to Luers

On the road on Tuesday, the Manchester girls' basketball team was outscored by 15 points in the first half en route to a 43-27 loss to Bishop Luers. Ainsley West led the team with eight points and Beletu Stout had six.

Manchester knocks off Cass on mats

The Squire wrestling team picked up its 11th win of the season with a 59-15 win over Lewis Cass. Winners by pinfall were Brock Casper (113 lbs)., Haley Clifford (120 lbs.), Elijah Burlingame (132 lbs.), Dylan Stroud (138 lbs.), Dominic Lincoln (145 lbs.), Jacob Caudill (170 lbs.), Trevor Dill (220 lbs.) and Bryce Kamphues (285 lbs.). Zach France (152 lbs.), Jordan Ayres (160 lbs.) and Ashton Moore (195 lbs.) all earned wins as

Knights lose on road

The Southwood girls' basketball team fell behind 15-4 in the opening quarter on the road against Bluffton on Tuesday and never recovered, losing 46-30. Sydney Helfin had a team-high 10 points and Ashley Smith added nine.

Knight wrestlers trounced by Vikings

At home on Tuesday, the Southwood wrestling team fell to Tippecanoe Valley, 64-18. Jackson Taylor (120 lbs.), Elijah Staggs (132 lbs.) and Isaac King (152 lbs.) all won via pinfall.

Norse break goose egg on road

Northfield's boys' basketball team earned a 56-53 win at Southern Wells on Tuesday. Clayton Tomlinson finished with 17 points, seven assists and six rebounds. Graydon Holmes added 15 points.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



FASTBREAK: Wabash's Madi Lutz prepares to shoot a layup on a fastbreak for the Apaches in the third quarter of Tuesday's game against Oak Hill.

Eagles smother paches in road w

BY JACOB RUDE

In a matter of only a few minutes on Tuesday evening, a tight battle between Wabash and Oak Hill's girls' basketball turned into a blowout. Starting with a Taylor Westgate layup early in the second quarter, the Eagles exploded for a 17-4 run that turned a five-point lead into an 18-point halftime advantage.

That margin would be more than enough on the night as Oak Hill cruised through the second half for a 40-21 win at Wabash.

"I really liked the way we played in the first half," Oak Hill head coach Todd Law said. "That was probably the

best we've executed offensively all year. Everybody's running two and three girls at Taylor (Westgate) and she did a really good job not only of finding the open girls, but our girls were finally cutting to the basket to shorten up shots, get layups out of it and things like that. I thought we executed really well there. Obviously, we were very solid all night defensively. I thought we did a nice job there."

After a slow first quarter that saw the Eagles hold Wabash to two points but only managed eight themselves, Wabash got its first field goal of the game on a three-point play from Linda Cordes, pulling the hosts to with five

at 10-5.

Westgate would start the run with a basket in the post. Carlee Biddle would split a pair of free throws but the second would be rebounded and converted by Kate Hornocker to open the lead to

double digits at 15-5. From there, the Eagles turned defense into offense, turning the Apaches over to speed up the run as Biddle and Hornocker each converted layups. Isabelle Davis would stop the run with a jumper but Westgate helped to send Oak Hill into the locker room up big, scoring twice before setting up Biddle for a three-pointer and helping Hornocker draw a foul. By run's end, the Ea-

gles led 27-9 at the half.

"I think a lot of it was just getting stops," Law said of the second quarter run. "We were getting consecutive stops and converting some of those into scores and that just builds more confidence and more confidence. Any time that Abby (Shaw) and Carlee (Biddle) are shooting well like they did tonight, that just really helps our whole offense because then we don't feel like everything has to run through Taylor. I thought both of those kids stepped up and were big in that quarter as well.'

Oak Hill did what it needed in the third to ensure there

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Apaches fall to Eagles in top-ranked duel

BY CHUCK LANDIS

CONVERSE — Two of the state's highest-rated wrestling teams matched up Tuesday evening at Oak Hill's gym, although Wabash operated at a disadvantage. With Wabash wrestlers

Ethan Higgins and Jackson Barnett sick and unable to compete, Class 2A secondranked Oak Hill cruised to a 51-21 victory over the Class A third-ranked Apaches. The Golden Eagles remained unbeaten at 9-0 and won their 53rd-straight dual meet.

"We were looking forward to this," said Wabash coach Jake O'Neill, whose team was 8-0 entering the dual. "We knew they had a good season going, too. Going in, we were missing a couple varsity wrestlers so that hurt. I knew they were going to be

tough, but I wasn't expecting

a 30-point difference."

Oak Hill won 10 of the 14 matches, including forfeits at 106 and 120 pounds. Ethan Higgins (120) and Jaxon Barnett (132) were the ailing wrestlers and it also created significant reshuffling of the Apaches lineup.

"I think we would have won the Higgins match that's a 12-point swing and that chips away a little bit at 30 points," O'Neill said. "And where we got beat at 138, I think we would have got a win or a pin.

"Even with those two 12-point swings we are still six points off," he continued. "I think our team at fullthrottle and hitting on all cylinders, we got a chance to beat this good Oak Hill team. But we just couldn't

make it happen tonight." Oak Hill still was riding high after Saturday's big

invitational

championship

victory at Western, rated No. 1 in 2A by indianamat.com. Wabash finished third in the invite. The meet ended in a tie, but Oak Hill won on criteria after a Western wrestler was deducted a point for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"I don't worry much about the rankings," Oak Hill coach Andrew King said. "I just know (Wabash) is a quality team with good wrestlers, and it's amazing they are just 16 miles up the road. And Western is solid as nails and just 20 miles the other way (west) so there's just some really good wrestling in this area.

"The Western invite was a flat tie and that was a great lesson to learn for both teams. I've never seen a

tournament that close, and

that was as close as you can

year at Oak Hill. "Just a

good rivalry."

Dedman (126) and Fred Durben (220) each defeated their Wabash opponents for second time in four days, having previously met in the finals at Western. Dedman remained unbeaten (12-0) with a 5-2 decision over the Apaches' Anthony Long. "(Long's) a good opponent," said Dedman, who

Oak Hill wrestlers Harper

won their match 6-2 at Western. "I always like a good match, and it was a good one tonight. I thought it was going to be a pretty solid dual, we're both ranked in the state."

Durben also remained unbeaten (12-0) after pinning Wabash's Grant Warmutch for a second=straight time. Three other Eagles wrestlers won by pin: Brody Arthur (138), Wyatt Strange (182) get," added King, in his 33rd and Isaiah Drake (285).

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Pro Picks: Are Bills ready to grab AFC **East from** Patriots?

BY BARRY WILNER AP Pro Football Write

Not since the pre-Tom Brady days have the Bills been such a factor in the AFC East. A victory Saturday at New England would lift Buffalo into a tie atop the division the Patriots have ruled for the last decade.

This is an opportunity for the Bills to stamp themselves as title contenders - not just division championship but Super Bowl threats. Gillette Stadium is about the most unkind place in the NFL for the Bills, and Brady has made a living beating them.

So, do things change when Buffalo (10-4) heads to New England (11-3)? Are the Bills ready for such a challenge?

"Before (coach) Sean (McDermott) got here, it was a culture of losing," veteran linebacker Lorenzo Alexander says. "You have to intentionally and methodically change the concept of 'Oh, here it goes again,' or 'We expect to lose.' But it takes time."

It also has taken some slippage by the Patriots, particularly on offense around the 42-year-old Brady. Then again, we've seen New England seem vulnerable enough times in recent years yet somehow come through.

Brady will need to do so against a staunch unit.

"This is the best defense that we play, and the challenge is incredible," Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels says. "We've gotten to see them once this year, and now we have another opportunity to prepare and play an incredibly important game

to our season this week." New England, ranked seventh in the AP Pro32, is a 6-point choice over No. 9 Buffalo. The Bills will make it close and could steal this one — and the division.

No. 24 (tie) Jacksonville (plus 7) at No. 19 (tie) Atlanta

Falcons are rallying to save Dan Quinn's job. Jaguars are a mess.

BEST BET: FALCONS,

No. 32 Cincinnati (plus 1) at No. 28 Miami

Only because we need one every week ... **UPSET** SPECIAL, BENGALS, 13-12

No. 13 Los Angeles Rams (plus 6) at No. 4 San Francisco, **Saturday**

Niners were last unbeaten team and now could wind up sixth playoff seed.

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No. 10 Houston (minus 3) at No. 16 **Tampa Bay, Saturday**

Texans are as unpredictable as anyone in an unpredictable league. **TEXANS**, 33-28

No. 6 Green Bay (plus 5) at No. 8 Minnesota, Monday

Packers are better team with better QB, but venue makes huge difference. VIKINGS, 27-24

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Boston	17		.708	1						
Toronto	18		.692	1						
Brooklyn	15	12		41/2						
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Miami	19		.704	_						
Orlando		15	.444	7						
Charlotte		17	.433	71/2						
Washington	8		.320	10						
Atlanta	6	22	.214	13½						
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	W	L	Pct	GB						
Milwaukee	24	4	.857	_						
Indiana	19		.679	5						
Detroit	11	16	.407	121/2						
Chicago	10	19	.345							
Cleveland	6	21	.222	17½						
WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division										
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Washington 133, Detroit 119 Toronto 133, Cleveland 113 Dallas 120, Milwaukee 116 Houston 109, San Antonio 107 Memphis 118, Miami 111 Oklahoma City 109, Chicago 106 Portland 111, Phoenix 110

Tuesday's Games Charlotte 110, Sacramento 102 Indiana 105, L.A. Lakers 102 New York 143, Atlanta 120 Brooklyn 108, New Orleans 101, OT Utah 109, Orlando 102 L.A. Clippers 120, Phoenix 99 Wednesday's Games Charlotte at Cleveland

Chicago at Washington Miami at Philadelphia Memphis at Oklahoma City New Orleans at Minnesota Orlando at Denver Boston at Dallas Golden State at Portland Today's Games Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Brooklyn at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m. Friday's Games
Memphis at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Detroit at Boston, 7:30 p.m. Washington at Toronto, 7:30 p.m. Dallas at Philadelphia, 8 p.m. New York at Miami, 8 p.m. Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Portland, 10 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

> **NBA Leaders** Scoring

Through Tuesday, Dec. 17								
•	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG			
Harden, HOU	27	301	312	1049	38.9			
Antetokopo, MIL	27	317	177	855	31.7			
Doncic, DAL	25	236	184	732	29.3			
Young, ATL	27	253	165	764	28.3			
Beal, WAS	25	238	151	695	27.8			
Davis, LAL	26	250	182	712	27.4			
Towns, MIN	23	207	113	609	26.5			
Lillard, POR	25	205	166	658	26.3			
James, LAL	28	281	103	726	25.9			
Leonard, LAC	21	186	128	536	25.5			
Mitchell, UTA	27	253	113	680	25.2			
Booker, PHX	24	213	121	601	25.0			
Siakam, TOR	26	243	104	651	25.0			
Wiggins, MIN	21	197	85	525	25.0			
Ingram, NOR	24	214	116	598	24.9			
LaVine, CHI	29	231	122	673	23.2			
Walker, BOS	23	174	96	531	23.1			
Westbrook, HOU	24	204	112	548	22.8			
Embiid, PHL	22	159	159	501	22.8			
McCollum, POR	27	234	48	586	21.7			

Tuesday's result **PACERS 105, LAKERS 102**

McGee 5-8 0-0 10, Caldwell-Pope 4-10 1-1 10, Green 2-4 0-0 6, Howard 10-10 0-3 20, Caruso 4-8 1-1 11, Rondo 2-9 2-4 7, Daniels 1-3 0-0 2, Bradley 6-14 0-0 13. Totals 43-91

L.A. LAKERS (102)

NDIANA (105)
Warren 5-12 2-2 12, Sabonis 10-15 5-8 26, Turner 5-9 3-4 16, Brogdon 6-16 0-0 14, Lamb 2-5 0-0 4, J.Holiday 2-8 1-2 6, McDermott 2-5 1-2 6, A.Holiday 4-8 1-2 11, McConnell 5-7 0-0 10. Totals 41-85 13-20

L.A. Lakers 28 24 24 26 — 102 Indiana 24 26 28 27 — 105 3-Point Goals-L.A. Lakers 8-31 (Green 2-4 Caruso 2-5, Caldwell-Pope 1-3, Rondo 1-4, Dudley 1-4, Bradley 1-4, Daniels 0-1, James 0-6), Indiana 10-25 (Turner 3-6, A.Holiday 2-3, Brogdon 2-4, Sabonis 1-2, McDermott 1-3, J.Holiday 1-4, Lamb 0-1, Warren 0-2). Fouled Out-None, Rebounds-L.A. Lakers 42 (James 9) Indiana 43 (Sahonis 10) Assists-L.A. Lakers 28 (James 9), Indiana 22 (Brogdon 6). Total Fouls-L.A. Lakers 19, Indiana 21. A-17,923 (20,000).

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
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Montreal	34	16	12	6	38 108 10	8				
Toronto	35	17	14		38 115 11					
Tampa Bay	32	17	12		37 114 10					
Florida	33	16	12		37 115 10	9				
Ottawa	35	14	18	3	31 9411	3				
Detroit	36	9	24	3	21 7914	1				
Metropolitan Division										
GP W LOT Pts GF GA										
Washington	35	24	6	5	53 125 10	0				

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Arizona 4 44100 86 5 43112105 19 13 4 42108110 4 40 96108 4 36111108 2 34 98125 3 33 94114 Calgary 16 15 San Jose Los Angeles 14 16 4 32 88 101 NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Monday's Games Florida 6, Ottawa 1 Nashville 5, N.Y. Rangers 2 Columbus 3, Washington 0 St. Louis 5, Colorado 2

Edmonton 2, Dallas 1
Tuesday's Games
Tampa Bay 4, Ottawa 3, OT

Toronto 5. Buffalo 3 Los Angeles 4, Boston 3, OT Nashville 8, N.Y. Islanders 3 Philadelphia 4, Anaheim 1 Columbus 5. Detroit 3 Carolina 6, Winnipeg 3 Pittsburgh 4, Calgary 1

Arizona 3, San Jose 2 Wednesday's Games Anaheim at New Jersey Colorado at Chicago Edmonton at St. Louis

Today's Games Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

ON THE AIR

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S) 7 p.m.

ESPN2: Wofford at Duke **FS1**: Maryland at Seton

8:30 p.m. PAC-12N: Prairie View A&M at Colorado 9 p.m.

ESPN2: North Carolina State at Auburn

10:30 p.m. PAC-12N: Florida A&M at Washington State

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

11 a.m. SECN: UCLA at Georgia 6:30 p.m. ACCN: Chattanooga at

North Carolina State 7 p.m. SECN: Duke at South Carolina

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)

ESPN: NCAA Tournament: Baylor vs. Wisconsin, Semifinals, Pittsburgh 9:30 p.m.

ESPN: NCAA Tournament: Stanford vs. Minnesota, Semifinals, Pittsburgh **GOLF**

9:30 p.m. GOLF: EPGA Tour: The Australian PGA Championship, Second Round, Benowa, Australia **NBA BASKETBALL**

8 p.m. TNT: LA Lakers at

Los Angeles at Columbus 7 p.m. Dallas at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 7 p.m. Nashville at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m. Chicago at Winnipeg, 8 p.m. Carolina at Colorado, 9 p.m. Montreal at Calgary, 9 p.m. Minnesota at Arizona, 9:30 p.m. Vegas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m. Dallas at Florida, 7 p.m. Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m. Pittsburgh at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

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x-Buffalo	10	4	0	.714	291	222		
N.Y. Jets	5	9	0	.357	247	343		
Miami	3	11	0	.214	241	435		
		Sou	ıth					
Houston	9	5	0	.643	341	330		
Tennessee	8	6	0	.571	339	279		
Indianapolis	6	8	0	.429	303	329		
Jacksonville	5	9	0	.357	250	353		
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y-Baltimore	12	2	0	.857	472	25		
Pittsburgh	8	6	0	.571	269	259		
Cleveland	6	8				329		
Cincinnati	1	13	0	.071	211	359		
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y-Kansas City		4		.714		284		
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Dallas	7	7	0	.500	378	28
Philadelphia		7	0	.500	334	32
N.Y. Giants	3	11	0	.214	283	38
Washington	3	11	0	.214	215	34
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y-New Orleans	11	3	0	.786	378	30
Tampa Bay		7		.500	416	39
Atlanta		9	0	.357	329	36
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	324	39
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	11	3	0	.786	330	28
	10		0	.714	378	25
Chicago	7	7	0	.500	256	25
Detroit	3	10	1	.250	304	37
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x-San Francisco			0	.786	419	25
	11	3		.786	371	34
L.A. Rams	8		0	.571	332	30
Arizona	4	9	1	.321	310	39
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y-clinched division Saturday's Games
Houston at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 4:30 p.m.

L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Giants at Washington, 1 p.m. Cincinnati at Miami, 1 p.m. New Orleans at Tennessee, 1 p.m. Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets. 1 p.m. Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m. Carolina at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. Jacksonville at Atlanta, 1 p.m. Oakland at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m. Detroit at Denver, 4:05 p.m. Arizona at Seattle, 4:25 p.m. Dallas at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m. Kansas City at Chicago, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Game Green Bay at Minnesota, 8:15 p.m.

MLB

Free Agent Signings - The 35 free agents who

have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated

CHICAGO (2) — Re-signed José Abreu, 1b, to a \$50 million, three-year contract; signed Yasmani Grandal, c, Milwaukee, to a \$73

million, four-year contract. DETROIT (1) — Signed Austin Romine, c, New York Yankees, to a \$4.15 million, onevear contract.

HOUSTON (1) — Re-signed Joe Smith, rhp, to an \$8 million, two-year contract. LOS ANGELES (1) — Signed Anthony Rendon, 3b, Washington, to a \$245 million, seven-year contract.

MINNEŚOTA (3) — Announced Jake Odorizzi. rhp, accepted \$17.8 million qualifying offer; re-signed Michael Pineda, rhp, to a \$20 million, two-year contract; signed Alex Avila c, Arizona, to a \$4.25 million, one-year

OAKLAND (1) — Re-signed Jake Diekman. Ihp, to a \$7.5 million, two-year contract.
SEATTLE (1) — Signed Kendall Graveman, rhp, Chicago Cubs, to a \$2 million, one-year

- Signed Kyle Gibson, rhp, Minnesota, to a \$28 million, three-

year contract; signed Jordan Lyles, rhp, Milwaukee, to a \$16 million, two-year NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (2) — Signed Stephen Vogt, c, San Francisco, to a \$3 million, one-year

contract; signed Madison Bumgarner, Ihp, San Francisco, to an \$85 million, five-year ATLANTA (7) — Re-signed Nick Markakis, of.

to a \$4 million, one-year contract; re-signed Tyler Flowers, c, to a \$4 million, one-year contract; re-signed Darren O'Day, rhp to a contract; re-signed Darren O Day, rnp to a \$2.75 million, one-year contract; signed Will Smith, rhp, San Francisco, to a \$40 million, three-year contract; re-signed Chris Martin, rhp, to a \$14 million, two-year contract; signed Travis d'Arnaud, c, Tampa Bay, to a \$16 million, two-year contract; signed Cole Hamels, lhp, Chicago Cubs, to an \$18 million, one-year contract.

million, one-year contract. CINCINNATI (1) — Signed Mike Moustakas, 3b-2b, Milwaukee, to a \$64 million, fouryear contract. MILWAUKEE (2) — Signed Brett Anderson,

Ihp, Oakland to a \$5 million, one-year contract; signed Avisaíl García, of, Tampa Bay, to a \$20 million, two-year contract. NEW YORK (3) — Re-signed Brad Brach, rhp,

TENNIS: The World Tennis Championship: Fifth Place and Semifinals, Abu Dhabi to a \$850,000, one-year contract; signed Michael Wacha, rhp, to a \$3 million, one-year contract; signed Rick Porcello, rhp, Boston to a \$10 million, one-year contract. PHILADELPHIA (2) — Signed Zack Wheeler, rhp, New York Mets, to a \$118 million, five-

year contract; also signed Didi Gregorius, ss, the New York Yankees, to a \$14 million, one-year contract. ST. LOUIS (1) — Re-signed Adam Wainwright, rhp, to a \$5 million, one-year contract.
SAN DIEGO (1) — Signed Drew Pomeranz, Ihp, Milwaukee, to a \$34 million, four-year contract.

WASHINGTON (3) — Re-signed Stephen Strasburg, rhp, to a \$245 million, seven-year contract; re-signed Howie Kendrick, 2b, to a \$6.25 million, one-year contract; re-signed Yan Gomes, c, to a \$10 million, two-year

Remaining Free Agents AMERICAN LEAGUE NEW YORK (AP) — The 133 remaining free

NEW YORK (AP) — The 133 remaining tree agents (q-rejected qualifying offer):
BALTIMORE (1) — Mark Trumbo, dh-of-1b.
BOSTON (5) — Andrew Cashner, rhp;
Jhoulys Chacin, rhp; Brock Holt, inf-of; Mitch Moreland, 1b; Steve Pearce, 1b-of.
CHICAGO (4) — Ross Detwiler, lhp; Jon Jay, CHICAGO (4) — Ross Detwiler, Ihp; Jon Jay, of; Iván Nova, rhp; Héctor Santiago, Ihp. CLEVELAND (5) — Tyler Clippard, rhp; Ryan Flaherty, inf; Jason Kipnis, 2b; Dan Otero, rhp; Yasiel Puig, of. DETROIT (5) — Edwin Jackson, rhp; Gordon Beckham, 2b; Jordy Mercer, ss; Matt Moore, Ibr. Tuene Deep che

Becknam, 2c; Jordy Mercer, ss; Matt Moore, Ihp; Tyson Ross, rhp. HOUSTON (7) — Robinson Chirinos, c; q-Gerrit Cole, rhp; q-Will Harris, rhp; Martin Maldonado, c; Collin McHugh, rhp; Wade Miley, Ihp; Héctor Rondón, rhp. KANSAS CITY (1) — Alex Gordon, of. LOS ANGELES (2) — Trevor Cahill, rhp; Kole

Calhoun, of. MINNESOTA (4) — Jason Castro, c; Martín Pérez, Ihp; Sergio Romo, rhp; Jonathan Schoop, 2b. NEW YORK (6) — Dellin Betances, rhp:

Edwin Encarnación, dh-1b; Brett Gardner, of; Cory Gearrin, rhp; Cameron Maybin, of; CC Sabathia, Ihp OAKLAND (2) — Homer Bailey, rhp; Tanner SEATTLE (4) — Félix Hernández, rhp: Wade

Vizcaíno, rhp.

TAMPA BAY (1) — Eric Sogard, 2b.

TEXAS (6) — Welington Castillo, c; Logan Forsythe, inf; Nate Jones, rhp; Shawn Kelley, rhp; Hunter Pence, dh-of; Edinson Vólquez

rnp. TORONTO (2) — Clay Buchholz, rhp; Justin Smoak, 1b.

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ARIZONA (4) — Jarrod Dyson, of; Wilmer Flores, of; Yoshihisa Hirano, rhp; Adam ATLANTA (11) — Jerry Blevins, Ihp;

Francisco Cervelli, c; q-Josh Donaldson, 3b; Billy Hamilton, of; Adeiny Hechavarría, inf; Matt Joyce, of; Dallas Keuchel, lhp; Brian McCann, c; Anthony Swarzak, rhp; Julio Teheran, rhp; Josh Tomlin, rhp.
CHICAGO (11) — Tony Barnette, rhp; Nick
Castellanos, of; Xavier Cedeño, lhp; Steve
Cishek, rhp; Derek Holland, lhp; Brandon
Kintzler, rhp; Jonathan Lucroy, c; Brandon
Kintzler, rhp; Jonathan Lucroy, c; Brandon

Morrow, rhp; David Phelps, rhp; Pedro Strop, rhp; Ben Zobrist, inf-of. CINCINNATI (2) — José Iglesias, ss; Alex

COLORADO (2) — Yonder Alonso, 1b-of; Drew Butera, c. LOS ANGELES (5) — David Freese, 3b; Jedd

Gyorko, inf; Rich Hill, lhp; Russell Martin, c; Hyun-Jin Ryu, lhp. MIAMI (4) — Starlin Castro, inf; Curtis

Granderson, of; Martín Prado, 1b-3b; Neil Walker, 1b-3b. MILWAUKEE (4) — Matt Albers, rhp: Gio

González, Ihp; Jay Jackson, rhp; Eric Thames, 1b. NEW YORK (5) — Luis Avilán, Ihp; Rajai Davis, of; Todd Frazier, 3b; Juan Lagares, of;

René Rivera, c. PHILADELPHIA (11) — Corey Dickerson, of; Jared Hughes, rhp; Tommy Hunter, rhp; Brad Miller, inf-of; Logan Morrison, 1b; Pat Neshek, rhp; Juan Nicasio, rhp; Sean Rodríguez, inf-of; Drew Smyly, lhp; Jason Vargas, lhp; Nick Vincent, rhp.

PITTSBURGH (3) — Melky Cabrera, of; Lonnie Chisenhall, of; Francisco Liriano, Ihp. ST. LOUIS (3) — Tony Cingrani, Ihp; Marcell Ozuna, of; Matt Wieters, c.

SAN DIEGO (3) — Aaron Loup, Ihp; Craig Stammen, rhp; Adam Warren, rhp. SAN FRANCISCO (2) — Fernando Abad, Ihp; Pablo Sandoval, 3b. WASHINGTON (8) — Matt Adams, 1b; Asdrúbal Cabrera, 2b-3b; Brian Dozier, 2b;

Jeremy Hellickson, rhp; Daniel Hudson, rhp; Fernando Rodney, rhp; Jonny Venters, Ihp; Rvan Zimmerman, 1b TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League MINNESOTA TWINS — Named Mike Bell

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to

terms with LHP Madison Bumgarner on a five-year contract. CINCINNATI REDS — Named Joe Mather

assistant hitting coach.
COLORADO ROCKIES Named Warren Schaeffer manager for Albuquerque (PCL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms
with OF Avisail García on a two-year contract and with 1B/3B Ryon Healy on a one-year

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Named Oscar Marin pitching coach. Agreed to terms with C Luke Maile on a one-year contract. Agreed to terms with OF Socrates Brito, LHP Miguel to terms with Ur Sociates bind, the injure Del Pozo, INF Phillip Evans and RHP Hector Noesi on minor league contracts.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with LHP Kwang Hyun Kim on a two-year **PACERS**

Pacers rally late to snap Lakers' road winning streak at 14

BY MICHAEL MAROT AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS Malcolm Brogdon saw an

opening and took it Tuesday night. And just like that, the

Los Angeles Lakers' long winning streak away from home was over. Brogdon drove past

Dwight Howard with 36.4 seconds left, scoring the tiebreaking basket on a nifty reverse layup to help the Indiana Pacers protect their victory over the NBA's best road team.

"We knew when we threw a punch, they would punch back," Domantas Sabonis said. "We just stuck together.'

Eventually, the Pacers threw enough scoring jabs to earn their fourth straight into a 95-91 lead. perhaps their most impressive all season.

into the game with the league's best record and 14 straight wins on the road, the second-longest streak in franchise history and two wins short of their recordsetting mark from 1971-72.

But even LeBron James couldn't bail them out with All-Star forward Anthony Davis missing the game because of a sprained right ankle.

Yes, James scored 20 points and had nine rebounds and nine assists, but he missed a step-back 3-pointer with 11.7 seconds left that would have given the Lakers the lead. A replay review overturned a call and gave the Pacers the

of two free throws to fin- five turnovers. ... Howrebounds.

Rajon Rondo and Kentaexpired as the Lakers desperately tried to force over-

"Throughout the winning 8 of 31 on 3-pointers. streak, we were able to keep were up or down, still beit, which we did tonight," James said. "But sometimes your way."

Tuesday.

most of the second half until a 9-0 spurt midway

It didn't last long.

mid-range Brogdon's The Lakers (24-4) came jumper with 2:20 left tied the score at 100. Myles Turner broke the tie by making two free throws with 1:59 left.

Nineteen seconds later, and charged right past Howard and deftly used the the basket.

been big for us all year."

TIP-INS

Sabonis then made one fourth quarter — and had the 2016-17 season.

ish with 26 points and 10 ard had a season-high 20 points. ... Avery Bradley had 13 points, Alex Cavious Caldwell-Pope each ruso had 11 while JaVale missed a shot before time McGee and Caldwell-Pope each scored 10. ... Rondo had seven points and seven assists. ... The Lakers were

Pacers: Jeremy Lamb our composure, whether we left in the second half with a sore right groin. ... Saboing able to make a game of nis posted his 23rd doubledouble this season and had four assists ... Turner home court with a 105-102 the ball doesn't bounce finished with 16 points and seven rebounds, while That was certainly true Brogdon had 14 points and six assists. ... T.J. War-After leading most of the ren had 12 points, five refirst half, the Lakers trailed bounds and three blocks as Aaron Holiday and T.J. McConnell combined for through the fourth quarter 21 points off the bench. ... turned a five-point deficit Indiana was 13 of 20 from the free throw line.

SPEAKING FRANK-LY

As Pacers coach Nate McMillan scouted the Lakers game tape, he saw some familiar plays and heard some familiar language.

That shouldn't come as James' free throws tied it a surprise given his expeup again and that's how it rience working alongside stayed until Brogdon took Lakers coach Frank Vogel matters into his own hands for three seasons with In-

"A lot of times, things rim to protect the ball for travel with us," McMillan said. "So they're do-"We trust him with the ing some of the things he ball in his hands and he's did when he was here, and been making tough shots they're doing some of the for us," Sabonis said. "He's things he wanted to do when he was here.'

Vogel hired McMillan as associate head coach in Lakers: James scored 2013. McMillan took over only seven points in the as the Pacers head coach second half — all in the when Vogel was let go after

APACHES

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Arthur pinned Wabash's Mario Melendez in 3:44 and improved to 12-0 in a breakout sophomore season. At Western, Arthur defeated the Apaches' Braden Brooks in the final round, but Brooks dropped down to 132 Tuesday and pinned the Eagles' Austin Law- a better match." rence.

2019 state finalist, continthe Eagles' Gabe Barton in Bowland (106) and Julian

other winners were Grant forfeit wins. Carandante 6-4 over JC Hernandez at 160 and Chad Wyatt with a pin of Silas Jones at 195.

accurate and those guys know what they're talking about," O'Neill said. "We were really looking forward to this matchup. I really wish we could have made it

Wabash's Jared Brooks, a from Tyler Miller (145), Aidan Hardcastle (152) ues to excel on his move up and Jett Thompson (170)

37 seconds. The Apaches Perez (120) received the

Dedman, who finished seventh at 113 pounds in last winter's state finals, likes how a young Oak Hill "The rankings are pretty team with two seniors in the lineup has come together.

"We're solid all the way through," Dedman said. "Some spots are a little weaker than others, but teamwork and hard practice will help us get through Oak Hill also had wins that. I think we'll overcome our challenges and do pretty well this year.

Oak Hill competes Monto 113 pounds and pinned by major decision. Peytonn day in the Grant Four Invitational at Eastbrook.

EAGLES

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would be no comeback, scoring eight of the first 11 points to increase the lead to 35-12. The fourth period featured a heavy dose of ball movement as the Eagles ran out the final minutes of regulation after

building a 40-15 lead. "We let that run in the second quarter get to us," Wabash head coach Matt Stone said. "And I think a little of that was frustration. We just couldn't score. When you shoot 17 percent for the game...it's going to

be tough. We have to do a we also talked about makbetter job of getting (Short and Wyatt) the ball in a position to score. The lack of offense hurts us but I'm really proud of the way we played the second half. Our kids never quit and played hard to the horn." While Stone was pleased

with his team's effort on Westgate on the evening, holding the forward to just nine points, a host of other Eagles made the Apaches pay on the night.

"I thought that we did what we wanted to do with Westgate," Stone said. "We She's a heck of a player. But 7:30 p.m.

ing sure Shaw wasn't wide open for threes and she got

Abby Shaw had 11 points and Hornocker 10 to lead Oak Hill. Biddle had eight and Nikki Alston two. For Wabash, Alivia Short had six, Madi Lutz and Mariah Wyatt had four apiece and Cordes three.

Oak Hill moves to 9-3 with the win, its eighth straight. Wabash falls to 5-6. The Apaches travel to Northfield on Saturday with tip-off set for 7:45 p.m. Oak Hill hosts Frankton on Satheld her to nine points. urday with tip-off set for

PICKS

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No. 12 Dallas (minus 21/2) at No. 15 Philadelphia

bad teams. Now they face mediocre one for NFC East **COWBOYS**, 26-20

No. 5 Kansas City

(minus 5) at No. 17 Chicago Chiefs won't get off

easy against disappointing Bears. CHIEFS, 23-20

No. 2 New Orleans

(minus 3) at No. 11 **Tennessee**

Titans picked wrong opponent for a must-win Haskins? game. SAINTS, 27-19

No. 14 Pittsburgh

(minus 3) at No. 27

New York Jets

Steelers inch closer to a wild-card spot. STEELERS, 21-10

No. 31 Detroit (plus 6) at No. 22 Denver

Was almost ready to make Eagles struggling to beat Broncos the Best Bet. Not quite. BRONCOS, 20-10

No. 21 Oakland

(plus 61/2) at No. 23 Los Angeles **Chargers** Raiders thinking more

about Las Vegas than Car-

son, California. CHARGERS, 27-22

No. 29 New York Giants (plus 3) at

Is Urban Meyer headed to DC to coach Dwayne

No. 30 Washington

REDSKINS, 37-23 No. 26 Carolina

(plus 61/2)

at No. 18 Indianapolis

Two teams that have

Colts

have

crashed.

COLTS, 20-16 No. 1 Baltimore (minus 8) at No. 19 (tie) Cleveland

enough to win this one.

Browns beat Ravens in last meeting. Baltimore hasn't lost since — and remembers.

RAVENS, 27-14

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we have unending faith in Russell Wilson. SEAHAWKS, 27-16

Last Week: 7-9 against spread, 10-6 straight up. Season Totals: 117-102-

2019 RECORD:

4 against spread, 133-88-1 straight up. Best Bet: 11-4 against spread, 12-3 straight up.

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Baseball agent Boras creates free-agent flurry

BY RONALD BLUM

NEW YORK — Scott Boras showed up at the winter meetings with his own press conference backdrop. How appropriate, given his banner offseason.

Beloved by his high-profile clients, courted by powerful owners and a polarizing figure for fans, baseball's most famous agent negotiated \$814 million of contracts in little over three days last week.

All told, he projects his deals will top \$1.2 billion and lift his career agreements past \$9 billion.

In an industry where agent commissions typically are 3 to 5%, that adds up. Not bad for a former Cardinals and Cubs infielder who never made it above Double-A.

"The greatest joy certainly in my life is when you get to make the phone calls I got to make last week," Boras said. "You've gone on a journey with them that may have taken 10, 11 years for them to reach this point in their lives where they're getting their ultimate reward of what they hoped for when they came into the game. It provides them the opportunity to win, it provides them security for them and their families, it properly places them among their peers. It's a very rewarding and prideful moment that often is very emotional."

He opened the winter meetings by striking a \$245 million, seven-year deal between World Series MVP Stephen Strasburg and the Washington Nationals. That record contract for pitchers

when Boras got Gerrit Cole a \$324 million, nine-year agreement with the New York Yankees. Boras finished the meetings by landing third baseman Anthony Rendon a \$245 million, seven-year contract with the Los Angeles Angels.

If fans know the name of one agent, it's the 67-yearold Boras. His impact has been far greater than his .293 batting average with four home runs over four minor league seasons — he spent time spent as a double-play partner with future All-Star Garry Templeton and Ken Oberfkell.

He loves the limelight, seen in his front-row seats at Dodger Stadium and Angel Stadium. He works to represent many of the top prospects ahead of the amateur draft and is criticized by competitors for trying to steal their clients as they approach free agency.

His news conferences are focal points at the November general managers gathering and December winter meetings, filled with big-picture suggestions such as a neutral site World Series and overthe-top metaphors such as dividing teams into categories of supermarket shoppers and bird species, determined by wealth and aggressiveness. This year he unveiled a backdrop with his company logo, a B over a baseball

What stands out most his client list, the envy of many other agents. He says he has rejected overtures to represent athletes in other sports.

"He knows the market.

lasted just one day, shattered He's got relationships, and he's got really talented players," Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said. "I think the talent level dictates the deals that are made."

Boras has been the agent for 23 contracts of \$100 million or more, including eight of baseball's 19 deals worth at least \$200 million and two of the five guaranteeing at least \$300 million. Before the three deals last week, he negotiated outfielder Bryce Harper's \$330 million, 13year deal with Philadelphia last February and topped \$200 million for Alex Rodriguez (twice), Prince Fielder and Max Scherzer.

Scott Boras Corp.'s overhead includes 137 full-time employees, training centers in Florida and California, and staff in Canada, the Dominican Republic, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South Korea, Taiwan and Venezuela. Among the departments are 35 researchers, 12 people in marketing, four other lawyers and two psychologists. Boras says his development and scouting division has 40 people across amateur leagues, the minors and ma-

As of Aug. 31, Boras represented 71 players on active rosters and injured lists, according to research by Major League Baseball. Just behind with 69 was Excel Sports Group, whose baseball division is headed by Casey Close, a former Big 10 Triple Crown winner at Michigan who is married to 1989 Miss America and former Fox News host Gretchen Carlson. While Excel's

WAR of about 92 last season, Boras' clients added to approximately 127, MLB research determined.

"He consistently signs the best young players in the game and produces cuttingedge results for them when they're mature big leaguers," said Jeff Moorad, who competed against Boras as an agent before becoming an executive with San Diego and Arizona. "Scott was always more focused on specific projected results, and I tended to focus more on comfort and feel, letting my own track record tell the story as it related to results. Scott would often predict what a particular outcome could be."

Boras says his pitch simplifies to: "You are the best. You deserve the best. And you have a value."

Primarily a second baseman who played as high as Double-A, Boras had his third knee operation after the 1977 season and enrolled at the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law the following year.

Putting his Doctor of Pharmacy degree to use, he was an associate in the medical practice department of Chicago's Rooks, Pitts and Poust when he was contacted by Mike Fischlin, a former youth ball teammate. Fischlin asked him to negotiate his contract with Cleveland when he became eligible for arbitration for the first time. Boras worked out an \$85,000 salary in 1983 — more than double the \$35,000 mini-

"My teammates, they'd players totaled a FanGraphs call and say, 'You should do

this. You played. You're an attorney. You know what to do. You know the game,"" Boras recalled.

Concluding that top baseball draft picks from high school and college were underpaid, he became the adviser to players Tim Belcher and Kurt Stillwell in 1983. They became the top two selections in the amateur draft; Belcher refused to sign and Stillwell agreed to a \$135,000 signing bonus, matching what top pick Shawon Dunston received from the Chicago Cubs the previ-

Boras' next big step was when pitcher Bill Caudill, a former minor league teammate, hired him before his arbitration hearing with Toronto in February 1985. Boras negotiated a deal guaranteeing \$4 million for three vears.

He is credited with inventing the first significant opt out, which let Rodriguez terminate his \$252 million, 10-year deal after an MVP season in 2007. That allowed him to negotiate a \$275 million, 10-year agreement. He's represented 123 firstround draft picks, including 12 who were first overall.

Some say other agents have agreed to under-market deals for clients before they reach free agency, fearing Boras will poach them as the chance for a bigger payday approaches.

"There's no question when you look at some of the deals, they're almost unexplainable," he said.

Boras returns calls while running on a treadmill or shaving, and the slick blazer and brighter than I am."

of his early career has been replaced mostly by a sweat jacket with a company logo. A workaholic, he had prostate surgery about nine years ago and a heart valve replaced approximately five years ago. He says he was back at work within five days. Foreign travel isn't much fun — impossible during the offseason and unsatisfying during the season.

"I went to Paris and I was supposed to stay 10 days," he said. "I couldn't because I couldn't sleep. Every night at 3 o'clock in the morning, I'm turning on the games and I'm watching."

He has 18 employees who have been with him for roughly two decades, a group that includes Fischlin, Mike Fiore, Jeff Musselman, Scott Chiamparino and Bob Brower. Daughter Natalie, 31, and son Shane, 30, both work for the company after getting MBAs from Southern California. She manages social media, and he is in finance and corporate management. Son Trent, 26, is a student at Loyola Law School in California.

"We have a corporate board and the cocoon of ownership will remain intact and the operation of the business will be the same," Boras said. "And the people involved in it will be the same. And I anticipate that 30 years down the road, whatever, that this company is going to be better. The reason is the people are going to have more experience, be better trained. There's a whole bunch of talented minds in this company that are much smarter

Better football helmets won't settle safety vs mayhem race

BY JIM LITKE

Football helmets are althey'll ever be.

The polycarbonate outer shell flexes at impact to redistribute shock, yet remains strong enough to ram a car windshield at 40 mph without cracking. The facemasks wrapped around them are space-age steel. The layered construction and medicalgrade foam underneath provide the cushioning equivalent of industrial-strength bubble wrap.

But just like those jerryrigged helmets made from leather, felt and rubber introduced around 1900, they can't stop concussions, but they can turn men with bad intent into missiles. That discovery launched an arms race between safety and mayhem that continues to

"When we began researching helmets, one of the first arguments was, 'Aren't you just making a better weapon?" recalled Stefan Duma, director of the authoritative and independent Virginia Tech Helmet Lab, founded

"That wasn't the intention, but I agreed completely with the assessment. ... Anytime you put that much force and effort around somebody, there will be risk. That's why enforcement is a key piece."

An unbroken line of brutal defenders and spectacular collisions, among other things, helped turn the NFL into must-see TV. Indeed,

images are photos capturing and less contact in practice argue football would be safer the devastation those missiles caused, especially after ready benefited players who gether. That, he said, would most as old as the game itself the league switched from followed him into the NFL. wreak even more havoc. and, by now, about as safe as hard leather to even-harder And the league's public acplastic helmets in 1950.

Think of Eagles linebacker Chuck Bednarik celebrating his knockout of Giants receiver Frank Gifford. Or Raiders safety Jack Tatum, who was dubbed "Assassin," gingerly stepping back after a hit that left Patriots receiver Darryl Stingley paralyzed from the waist down.

In fact, rules "against butting with the head" were on the books before 1900, too. But they were unevenly enforced until the scope of the game's concussion problem became apparent in recent years. In March, 2018, in response to what NFL executive Jeff Miller called "a greater incidence of this behavior," the league approved a new rule instructing officials to penalize any player who lowers his head to initiate contact.

While that remains a judgment call, players on the field long ago developed their own rule to deal with head-hunting: Do unto others before they do unto you.

"You always know who's on the field and what they do, so I always felt like I was going to be the hammer and not the nail. Like I always had to bring it just as hard they did," said Martellus Bennett, who retired in 2017 after 10 seasons playing tight end with the Cowboys, Giants, Bears, Packers and Patriots.

Bennett, 32, believes betmany of its most-enduring ter enforcement of the rules

long-term damage caused by repeated concussions — a condition known as Chronic Traumatic Encepholopathy, or CTE — means those same players understand the risk.

And yet, the few games he watches each season look as dangerous as ever.

"I knew some body parts would be aching for a long time after I was done playing. But one thing I didn't sign up for was brain problems, and I'm happy to say I don't have any of those.'

"Maybe," Bennett joked a moment later, "I benefited from being 6-foot-7. My ankles are bad, but that's because everybody just tackled my ankles.'

Not every player is that lucky. Participation in boys high school football programs has dropped by 10 percent nationally over the last decade, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations, owing in large part to parents' concerns about concussions. That has left the game's stakeholders scrambling for ways to make it safer. But research tells Duma the answer won't be better helmets.

"There might be some tweaks going forward," he said. "But I'd say we're 95 percent of the way there

Duma also takes issue with those who point to rugby to

and training camp have al- by ditching the helmets alto-

"It's a red herring. People knowledgement in 2016 of a say take the helmet off, or link between football and the the facemasks off, and see what happens. Well, we followed the U.S. rugby team for several years and the concussion rate is almost three times what it is in football," he said.

> "Half the team was concussed by the end of every season. And that's in addition to broken noses, facial cuts, fractured orbital bones and all kinds of other injuries," Duma added.

> With equipment nearly optimized, and enforcement of the rules presumably improving, the NFL has latched onto a back-to-the-future instructional program called "Heads-Up Tackling" to convince fans the game can be made safer.

> It's been called "low tackling," "form tackling" and 'proper contact" at different times over the last 120 years and purports to teach players to tackle while placing their heads on either side of an opponent's body. Just like the introduction of the helmet, it was a response to widespread reports of deaths and injuries, conceived and promoted by some of the bestknown coaches of the day.

> It didn't work then. Bennett has less hope for "safe tackling" now.

"Actually, there's place it might work," Bennett chuckled during a break from staging fan football clinics for Dos Equis. "On paper."

SOCCER

Police, protesters clash outside soccer game

BY JOSEPH WILSON and BARRY HATTON

BARCELONA, Spain — Riot police clashed with protesters in the streets Wednesday night outside a soccer match between Barcelona and Real Madrid, as authorities sought to keep Catalonia's separatist movement from disrupting the game viewed by 650 million people worldwide.

The match in Barcelona's Camp Nou stadium began without incident and was halted only briefly when some fans threw balls onto the field bearing a message for the Spanish government to open a dialogue with the separatists.

The game, which drew nearly 100,000 spectators, ended in a scoreless draw.

Thousands of police and private security guards were deployed in and around stadium.

In the street clashes, riot police used batons to force the crowd back, some threw objects at officers lined up behind shields and other protesters fought among themselves. Authorities said nine people had been arrested, and Spain's national news agency Efe reported that 12 were injured.

At least four plastic trash cans were set on fire, and a smell of smoke wafted into the Camp Nou.

When the game ended, fans were directed to leave on the stadium's south side to avoid the clashes outside.

The separatists sought to promote their independence bid by using the media cov-Barcelona, the Spanish league leader, and its fierce

rival Real Madrid. Known as El Clásico, the game was postponed from Oct. 26 amid violent protests by the separatists.

As crowds entered Europe's largest soccer stadium Wednesday night, security guards confiscated masks of Barcelona's Argentine star Lionel Messi from supporters, apparently to ensure they could be identified on closed-circuit cameras if

they broke the law. As the game began, some fans held up blue signs saying 'Spain, Sit and Talk' "FREEDOM." Others chanted, in Catalan, "Freedom for the Political Prisoners." Those messages referred to the Spanish government's refusal to discuss the wealthy northeastern region's independence, as well as the recent imprisonment of nine of the movement's leaders convicted for their roles in a failed 2017

secession bid. A shadowy online group called Tsunami Democratic, which was behind the protest, had posted a message on social media saying: "Hello, world! Tonight Tsunami has a message for

Protest organizers said over 25,000 people signed up to demonstrate near the stadium in Barcelona, Catalonia's capital, although it was hard to distinguish between protesters and fans.

There was a festive atmosphere before the game, though some protesters briefly blocked main roads to the stadium.

The Barcelona team asked erage of the game between its fans to behave with civility and not to affect the

Cole on \$324M, 9-year deal with Yankees: 'It was my dream'

BY RONALD BLUM

NEW YORK — Gerrit Cole brought along a sign for the news conference to announce his signing with the New York Yankees: a crinkled poster board that read "Yankee Fan Today Tomorrow Forever."

2001 World Series in Phoenix, either before Game 6 or 7. The lettering of the tape he used has faded from blue to tan during years on the wall of his room and then in a closet.

Cole spurned the Yankees when they drafted him 28th Then 11, Cole was caught overall in 2008, choosing to on camera holding up that enroll at UCLA. He signed

later after he was selected first overall. Now as a free agent, he finally was fitted for pinstripes, agreeing to a record \$324 million, nine-year contract.

"It was my dream. I had a second opportunity to chase it." he said. Cole put on a No. 45 jersey,

to first baseman Luke Voit. The 29-year-old right-hander's beard was newly shorn to comply with Yankees team rules. "He cleans up nice, doesn't

he?" Yankees manager Aaron Boone said.

Cole had been known for a scruffy look. The Yankees'

placard in the seats at the with Pittsburgh three years the number that had belonged barber went to Cole's hotel couldn't figure out how New room Wednesday morning to apply a shave.

"T've experienced razor burn now for the first time," he said.

Among the gifts the Yankees used to recruit Cole were bottles of 2004 and 2005 Masseto, a Tuscan wine of Merlot grapes. Cole

York knew it was his favorite until he remembered he had mentioned it once to Lou Cucuzza Jr., the Yankees' director of clubhouse opera-

Cole's deal is the largest for a pitcher in both its total and its average annual value of \$36 million.

Mom-to-be's choice of mentor falls short on disciplining kids

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were recently matched with a child in an adoption. I'm not experienced with children, but my neighbor "Kara" has two kids around the same age as our future son. I like Kara and really want our child and me to spend time with her fam-

ily. The problem is, my husband has forbidden our son to hang out with Kara's children because she and her hus-



band let them run wild. They have broken things at other people's homes so often that some neighbors no longer invite the

family over. Kara and her husband are good with their children, except for enforcing discipline. I'd like to have Kara in my life and have her help me plan my toddler shower. Would it be insensitive of me to tell her how my husband feels and ask if she and her husband can take more steps to keep them under control? I feel bad shunning her without telling her why and giving her a chance to correct it. I'm also trying to think of a way to change my husband's mind. -Planning For Parenthood

DEAR PLANNING: While I think your husband's reaction may be a bit extreme, if you are hoping to use Kara as a mentor in raising your future son, you should choose more carefully. This is a woman whose children are so poorly raised that neighbors refuse to have them in their homes.

Parenting is a skill that has to be learned. No one is ever totally prepared for it. Moms and dads learn on the job, and you will, too, by spending time with other parents and reading books. As much as you like Kara, if you tell her what you have in mind, she's likely to become defensive and highly offended, and you may make an enemy.

Because neighborhood kids tend to interact with each other, I wouldn't be surprised if Kara's children manage to find their way to your place. If that happens and they act up, handle it by telling them that while it may be OK for them to behave that way in their home, it is NOT permitted in yours - and that if they come over, there are certain house rules that must be followed. It would be doing them (and Kara) a tremendous favor.

P.S. As to that toddler shower, ask some of your other friends or relatives to help with the planning. I'm sure they will be more than happy to assist.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have had the same roommate, "Milo," for four years. Two years ago, he started dating my husband's ex-girlfriend. It was no big deal, my husband was fine with it, and Milo never brings her over. In the time they've been seeing each other Milo has refused to fully commit to her. He doesn't see other people, but he doesn't call her his girlfriend.

Today my husband told me Milo won't commit to her because he thinks it would bother me if she were around our house all the time. He's right. It would. I'm not in love with the idea of my husband's drop-dead gorgeous ex hanging out at our house.

Abby, I see in her everything I'm not. Am I being selfish? I want our roommate to be happy, and I'm not sure how to proceed. Must I just suck it up? I mean, I'm married for heaven's sake. - Selfish Roommate

DEAR ROOMMATE: I

don't think you should acquiesce to anything that makes you uncomfortable. You're making a mistake by assuming responsibility for the fact that Milo won't commit. He's a grown man and responsible for his own choices. The current arrangement is working for all of you, and you should stay out of it.

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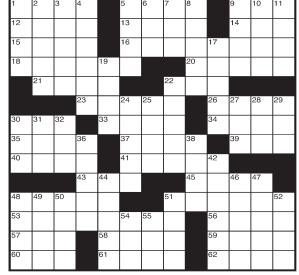
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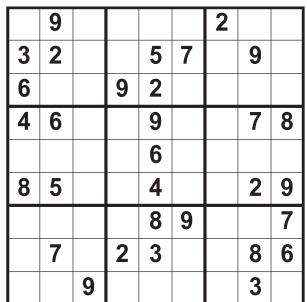
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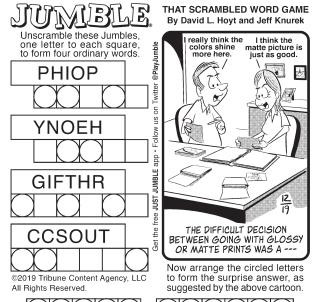
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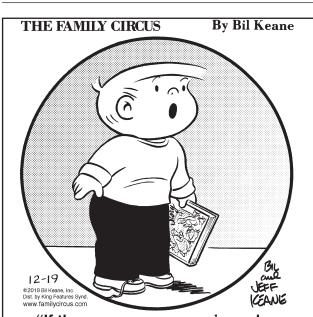
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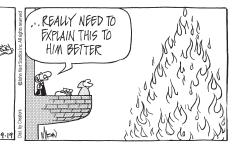


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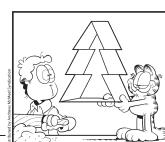




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As long as there is breath in the body it is not too late to get right with God

From the writings of the ous sports or continue work-Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I always thought I would know when I would begin to grow old, but until my children told me I was now an old man, I hadn't

even consid-Billy ered it. How Graham does one prepare to grow My Answer old? - O.M.

A: Old age comes on gradually. Middle age fades into the distance as the

mature years reveal themselves: forgetting a good friend's name, almost everyone else seems younger, being granted a senior discount without having to prove it.

More serious are the larger steps: a slow but inexorable decline in energy, illnesses

that easily could end in disability, frequently attending funerals of friends. "Most of my middle-aged patients are in denial," a doc-

tor said. "They think they'll

always be able to play strenu-

ing 12 hours a day. Someday they'll be old, and they won't like it because they aren't emotionally prepared for it."

What a staggering thought: not prepared! The Bible warns us to be prepared. "Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed. ... Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the gave it" (Ecclesiastes 12:6-7).

Preparation for old age is important, but more important is preparation to return to our Maker, God the Creator of our bodies, minds, spirits and

souls. The wise writer wraps up the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes and declares: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

As long as there is breath in spirit will return to God who the body it is not too late to get right with God, but even better to do it while young, to enjoy the fellowship with Him and be in a right standing with God the Savior throughout life.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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Previous Solution: "A bank is a place where they lend you an umbrella in fair

weather and ask for it back when it begins to rain." - Robert Frost

TODAY'S CLUE: 🖽 signbə j

Macron, under strike pressure, mulls changes to pension plan

government launched negotiations with labor unions Wednesday on potential changes to a landmark pension reform bill that sparked transportation crippling strikes and protests across the country.

Prime Minister Edouard Philippe met with union leaders and employer group representatives after French President Emmanuel Macron asked his government to hold talks on possible amendments to the reform package.

The general strike that started Dec. 5 dramatically impacted train and subway service as drivers remained off the job.

Teachers, doctors and other workers joined the walkouts, and hundreds of thousands of people participated in nationwide protests.

An agreement with hardleft unions appeared to be a way off. The leader of the CGT union, Philippe Martinez, acknowledged a "deep disagreement" with the prime minister after their meeting.

"We have two clashing perspectives," Martinez said. "We don't have the same

The government is seeking to reach a deal with more moderate unions, which Macron hopes may weaken the protest movement.

A close aide to Macron, who spoke anonymously in accordance with customary

but is "willing to improve it." Macron himself was not planning to get involved in the negotiations or to make an announcement in coming

Among the reforms is raising by two years the age at which individuals would be eligible to retire with a full pension, arguably the main target of worker opposition. The proposal to increase t he state-sanctioned retirement age from 62 to 64 is currently scheduled for 2027.

Officially, the government has said very little about the areas on which it would be willing to compromise. The furthest government spokeswoman Sibeth NDiaye went was to call the higher retirement age a "proposal."

Macron's planned reforms are aimed at unifying France's 42 different pension regimes into one, which would abolish special provisions allowing certain workers to retire as early as their 50s. The changes also are intended to keep the pension system financially viable, according to the govern-

"We must find a compromise," Macron's aide said.

With Christmas approaching, Macron and his government are seeking to pile the pressure on unions for a "pause" in the strikes during the holiday period so families can get around the

unions, though, Some

The government plans to formally present the pension bill in January. The text will then need to be approved by parliament, where Macron's party has a majority.

On Wednesday, Macron appointed a junior minister for pensions, Laurent Pietraszewski, a 53-year-old lawmaker with expertise on

The nomination comes two days after the minister who had developed the new pension system, Jean-Paul Delevoye, resigned over potential conflicts of interest in a major blow to the govern-

The government had long hoped that France's largest union, the center-left, reformist CFDT, would back the pension reforms.

CFDT Secretary-General Laurent Berger has said he was in favor of a "universal and fair" new system but that delaying the introduction of the new age of retirement was a "red line."

His union joined the protest movement last week after the government detailed the planned measures.

Berger said following Wednesday's talks that he sensed the French government wanted to "discuss and open up" but he thinks "we are very, very far" from an agreement to end the impasse at this stage.

The head of the moderate UNSA union, Laurent Escure, noted Wednesday practices, said the president want the strikes to continue that the government moved full pension.

its position somewhat, especially on measures to help those working in harsh conditions.

Another round of negotiations was scheduled for Thursday.

Recent polls show a majority of the French support the strikes and protests, as they fear the proposals will make them work longer in return for lower pensions.

Jean-Daniel Levy, a political analyst with the Harris Interactive market research firm, said a big majority of the French hope the strikes will be suspended during the holidays but want the protests to resume.

"There's a general feeling that protesting at Christmas time would be perceived as radical attitude, with which the French cannot agree." he

Sorting out the complex French pension system has been a challenge to all recent governments. Most notably in 1995, after three weeks of massive strikes, the government of President Jacques Chirac was forced to abandon its reform proposals.

But not all have met with failure. More recently, presidents Nicolas Sarkozy and François Hollande got changes through in the face of protests. Under Sarkozy in 2010, the retirement age was raised from 60 to 62. Four years later, Hollande passed a law that effectively meant the French needed to work for 43 years to get their

Volunteers step in to keep asylum seekers healthy on border

BY JULIE WATSON

TIJUANA, Mexico -When the Honduran boy complained of a toothache, Dr. Psyche Calderon asked the obvious question: 'When did the pain start?"

The answer broke her

"When La Mara broke all said.

He said little else about Central American gang, La Mara Salvatrucha. Just: "I was the only one that survived."

Calderon is not a therapist, nor a lawyer or a dentist. She is a general practitioner volunteering her time to provide care for Central Americans stuck in Mexico while they try to obtain asylum in the United could do for this teenager.

"So I gave him an antibiotic, then went home and cried," she said.

Calderon is part of a movement of health professionals and medical students from both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border that is quietly battling to keep asylum seekers healthy and nia's Proposition 187 that safe while their lives remain in flux.

They try desperately to tend to a need left largely of both countries. It has thrust volunteer doctors into new and unusual roles with limited donated medications and equipment and dealing with non-medical issues. Besides giving patients a pill for pain relief, the doctors might need to direct them to legal help for their cases while offering a listening ear as a kind of therapist to a population to flee their homelands.

like Calderon are trying to 1,954-mile border. come up with guidelines to emotional trauma.

Tens of thousands of people are stuck in Mexican border cities as their asylum cases wind their way through the U.S. court system under a Trump administration policy that returns them across the border to wait out a decision, rather than allowing them to stay with relatives or sponsors in the United States. Thousands of others wait for their numbers to be called so they can start their claim in a process that meters the number of asylum requests that are submitted to U.S. officials.

Many in Tijuana have lived for months at crowded shelters, sleeping on floors, with little access to public health clinics.

Along Mexico's border with Texas, hundreds are living outside in tents made out of garbage bags. Families sleep near piles of human feces and bathe in the Rio Grande, known to be contaminated with E. coli and other bacteria.

Global Response Management bought flu vaccines from a local pharmacy at roughly \$50 a dose to administer. Its volunteers set up sidewalk clinics to treat asylum seekers.

The health crisis spans the past year, at least three children, detained by U.S. Border Patrol agents, have died from the flu while being held. They include a 16-year-old boy who was seen on security footage writhing in agony on the floor in a U.S. Border Patrol holding cell.

Doctors recently protested outside a detention facility in San Diego to pressure the U.S. government to allow them to administer the flu vaccine to migrants for free, but so far Customs and Border Protection has refused, saying it is not equipped to run a vaccination program.

Meanwhile, in Tijuana, volunteers like Calderon have been going out to gritty, far-flung neighborhoods to set up pop-up clinics on the weekends at shelters that are rarely visited by Mexico's public health

doctors, if at all. "I shouldn't be doing this," Calderon said. "They my teeth and killed all my need to be in another place family," the 14-year-old to be safe. That other place should be taking care of them, or the Mexican govthe attack by the infamous ernment should be taking care of these refugees."

The 34-year-old Tijuana doctor treats addictions in her day job. Her private practice caters to Americans seeking lower-cost medical care across the border who pay in dollars, allowing her to be able to volunteer. She found her new calling in 2018 when thousands of Central Amer-States. There was little she icans poured into Tijuana after crossing Mexico in a

Calderon, who slips in and out of English and Spanish seamlessly in a single sentence, grew up in Tijuana watching the border walls go up. At 11, she participated with her family in protests against Califordenied public education and health care to people in the United States illegally. At the age of 17, she shadunmet by the governments owed doctors treating Mexicans deported to Tijuana from the U.S.

So when the caravan arwhere they often have to rived, she reflexively went improvise while working to the sprawling soccer field where they camped and started treating people. There she met other volunteers, including an emergency room physician from Los Angeles and a medical student from San Diego.

When the Mexican government closed down the festering soccer field camp, suffering deep trauma from the volunteers realized the violence that forced them health crisis was not going away. So they joined forces With little training or under the Refugee Health preparation for this type Alliance, one of a handful of medical work, doctors of such groups along the

Advocating for what they better treat migrants with call "border-less medicine," they started by organizing pop-up clinics at the shelters on Saturdays and attracting volunteers by word of mouth and through social media postings.

> A year later, the Refugee Health Alliance has hosted 800 volunteers who have seen more than 9,000 patients; in addition to treatment, they document signs of torture and abuse for asylum cases. Volunteers also see asylum seekers during the week at a clinical space shared with a Mexican nonprofit that treats sex workers and drug addicts.

> Each Saturday at 9 a.m., the volunteers gather less than a block from the towering border wall in Tijua-

They improvise to overcome barriers. On a Saturday in October, a Chicago doctor who did not know Spanish used Google Translate on his iPhone to tell a Guatemalan man and his family that he needed to go to the hospital because he likely had appendicitis. On In the Mexican city of the other side of the curtain, Matamoros, the nonprofit a Mexican midwife gave a Honduran woman who was eight months pregnant an ultrasound while talking over the mechanical iPhone voice conveying the urgent news about the man's appendix. The Refugee Health Alli-

both sides of the border. In ance hopes to open its own clinic next year. On the group's 52nd con-

> secutive Saturday at the shelters, a 24-year-old San Diego woman who moved to Tijuana to help coordinate the efforts gives volunteers a brief orientation. Celeste Pain, who crosses

back to San Diego daily to work at an outlet store, rattles off instructions: Don't ask about people's backgrounds, which could trigger traumatic memories, or take photographs. Fill out medical forms that ask for a person's medical history, their court date and their number in line of those waiting to ask for asylum.

Protests of Indian law grow despite efforts to contain them

BY EMILY SCHMALL and SHEIKH SAALIQ

NEW DELHI — From campuses along India's Himalayan northern border to its southern Malabar Coast, a student-led protest movement against a new law that grants citizenship on the barupted life in Gauhati, the sis of religion spread nation- state capital. They also rewide on Wednesday despite efforts by the government to contain it.

The law provides a path to citizenship for Hindus, Buddhists, Christians and other religious minorities who are in India illegally but can demonstrate religious persecution in Muslim-majority Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan. It does not apply to Muslims.

Critics say it's the latest effort by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist-led government to marginalize India's 200 million Muslims, and a violation of the country's secular consti-

Modi has defended it as Kerala. a humanitarian gesture, but Wednesday, authorities tightened restrictions on protesters, expanding a block on the internet and a curfew in Assam, where protests since the law's passage a week ago have disstricted assembly in a Muslim neighborhood in New Delhi where demonstrators on Tuesday burned a police

booth and several vehicles. After India's Supreme postponed hearing challenges to the law Wednesday, huge demonstrations erupted in Gauhati, in Chennai, in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, and in Mumbai, India's financial capital. Protesters also rallied in Srinagar, the main city in disputed Kashmir and in the tourist mecca of Jaipur in the desert state of Rajasthan, and threw stones at buses in Kochi, the capital of the southernmost state of

Hundreds chanted slogans outside New Delhi's Jamia Millia Islamia University. Widely disseminated images of police charging unarmed students with sticks and tear gas at a protest at the school on Sunday supercharged opposition to the law.

most overt example yet of discrimination against India's Muslims in a string of actions taken by Modi since his party's landslide reelection victory in May.

It follows a contentious registration process northeastern Assam state intended to weed out people who entered the country illegally known as the National Register of Citizens, or NRC. Nearly 2 million people in Assam were excluded from the list, about half Hindu and half Muslim, and have been asked to prove their citizenship or else be considered foreign.

India is building a detention center for some of the tens of thousands of people the courts are expected to ultimately determine have entered illegally. Modi's home minister, Amit Shah, has pledged to roll out the system nationwide.

Some fear the NRC will Critics say the Citizen- be used by Hindu nationship Amendment Act is the alists to detain or deport millions of Muslims. The newly passed law provides a loophole for people of other

The law also comes as an unprecedented crackdown continues in Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority region, after it was stripped of special constitutional protections and its statehood in August. Since then, movement and communications have been restricted there.

Experts say conditions for India's Muslims have been growing worse under Modi's Hindu-nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, which came to power in 2014.

Tokyo court awards damages to female journalist in rape case

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI

TOKYO — A Tokyo court awarded damages to a freelance journalist on Wednesday in a high-profile rape case that had been dropped by Japanese prosecutors, a landmark ruling that was welcomed by equal rights activists but underscored legal and social hurdles in a country where sexual assault victims continue to be stigmatized.

The Tokyo District Court ordered Noriyuki Yamaguchi, a former newsman at TBS Television known for close ties to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and other conservative politicians, to pay \$30,150 to journalist Shiori Ito, who filed a civil suit against him seeking compensation for physical and psychological pain. Ito, who has become the

face of Japan's slow-moving #MeToo movement, filed the civil suit in 2017 after prosecutors decided not to press charges against Yamaguchi. She demanded \$100,540 in

damages and sought to find out why prosecutors dropped the criminal case.

Yamaguchi has denied any wrongdoing in published articles and on social media, saying they had sex by consent. He filed a countersuit this year, demanding she pay \$1.2 million for allegedly damaging his reputation by accusing him of rape. The court ruled that Yama-

guchi's act was not consensual sex but an assault and dismissed all of his claims. He told a news conference

after the ruling that he plans to appeal the verdict. He said the ruling one-sidedly upheld Ito's arguments without closely looking into details and facts. "I have never done any-

thing that violated the law," Yamaguchi said. "It was so unfair that the ruling only accepted Ms. Ito's arguments, despite claims that were un-

which sexual victims don't nal complaint with police,

feel intimidated or isolated. "The victory does not

mean all the pain that I had to suffer did not exist," Ito told reporters after the ruling. 'Wounds from sexual violence do not heal over time." Judge Akihiro Suzuki said

Ito's attempt to seek the truth in the case and how it was handled, and promote awareness about social and legal issues surrounding sexual assault, was based on an intent to serve the public interest and did not constitute defamation of the defendant.

Ito, who was seeking an internship in 2015 at TBS television, where Yamaguchi was a senior journalist at the time, said after she became dizzy and passed out in a restroom, Yamaguchi took her to his hotel room and raped her while she was incapacitated. She said he continued the assault even when she woke up in pain and told him

Ito and her supporters Ito visited a women's said they hope her victory clinic the next day to receive will promote awareness that will help create a society in treatment and filed a crimi-

though it took weeks to get them to accept it and start investigating. Prosecutors eventually dropped the case, without explaining to her why. She made headlines in

May 2017 when she requested a court-appointed citizens' panel to review the prosecutors' decision to drop the case. The panel voted in September in favor of the decision not to indict Yamaguchi, dashing her chance to pursue criminal justice. Ito faced a backlash and

harassment after going public. Many online comments criticized her for speaking out, looking too seductive or ruining the life of a prominent figure, Ito has said.

She published a book, "Blackbox," detailing her experiences in October 2015, just as the #MeToo phenomenon was making headlines in the U.S. and elsewhere. It prompted some discussion in Japan, but only a handful of sexual assault victims came

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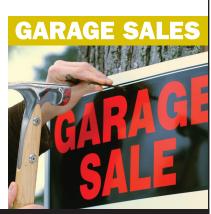
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